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TIME-TABLE. WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.45
Yamati ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.56	3.21	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.13	8.38	9.43	10.33	12.33	1.48	3.08	3.33	5.08	6.18
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.15	6.25
Fanning ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.20	3.45	5.20	6.30
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	10.55	12.55	2.10	3.30	3.55	5.30	6.40
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.10	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.32	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	6.58	—	—	—	6.47	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	8.05	—	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24	6.48
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.24	11.09	11.44	2.05	4.48	5.56	6.31	6.53
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.49	2.10	4.53	6.00	—	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.18	10.44	—	12.00	2.21	5.02	6.10	—	—
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.40	8.28	10.54	—	12.05	2.26	5.07	6.15	—	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.09	2.30	5.11	6.19	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	2.39	5.20	6.23	—	—
Shatin ...Arr.	8.11	8.58	11.23	—	12.31	2.51	5.32	6.40	—	—
Yamati ...Arr.	8.17	9.04	11.31	11.49	12.37	2.57	5.38	6.46	7.04	7.29
Kowloon ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.45
Yamati ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.56	3.21	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.13	8.38	9.43	10.33	12.33	1.48	3.08	3.33	5.08	6.18
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.15	6.25
Fanning ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.20	3.45	5.20	6.30
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	10.55	12.55	2.10	3.30	3.55	5.30	6.40
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.10	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.32	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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COUNTRY HOUSE TRAGEDY.

FOUR PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AND HIS FAMILY THE VICTIMS.

Four persons lost their lives in a disastrous fire which destroyed Waterbury Hall, near Maidstone. They were Major Richard Booth Leslie Bazley-White, his wife, their four-year-old son, and the child's nurse. Three other servants, Mrs. Whitfield, the cook, Marjory Sharp, the parlourmaid, and Olive Selves, escaped.

The hall, a centuries old manor house, half-timbered, standing on the roadside a mile from Waterbury village on the road to West Farley, was completely destroyed. The fire broke out at about 11 p.m. The house is isolated in its own grounds.

A man who was walking near the house saw the flames, and, running up, he shouted and threw stones at some of the windows.

Leap From A Window.

The alarm was sent to Maidstone, six miles away. In the meantime the hall was blazing from end to end.

In the garden were two girls, the chambermaid and the parlourmaid. Mrs. Whitfield was lying on the grass with injuries to the legs. She had leaped from an upper window into the garden.

Of Captain Bazley-White and his family there was no sign. At first it was thought they had left the house, and when the Fire Brigade arrived just before one o'clock there was still some doubt whether any persons were inside what was by then a dreadful furnace, which set on fire the very trees and lit up miles of the Kentish countryside.

But hardly had the firemen begun their hopeless task of attacking the flames when the south-western end of the rectangular house fell in, and with it was seen in the flare the body of a man. For hours eight firemen under Captain Westcott strove to kill the flames. It was hopeless. It was all they could do to get near enough to the furnace to ply their hoses.

Three o'clock arrived before an examination could be made of the still burning house. And then, partly hidden by charred oak beams in what had been a pleasant drawing-room, were found four bodies.

They were lifted out and laid in the gardeners' shed across the lawn. The flames gradually burned themselves out under a steady hose attack.

Terrier Dies In Flames.

In the garden were the flowers of autumn, some of them trampled by the feet of helpers. Inside the house was a ruin of stone and wood. On the charred walls were still-melted pewter and cracked ornaments. In the room where the bodies were found hung a few picture-frames with the pictures gone. The three servant girls who escaped were cared for at the houses in the village.

One of them went to her home, nearly a mile away, in her night attire.

When the firemen reached the scene they found Major White's big retriever running round the blazing house. Another dog, a terrier, which had often been seen with his master at Waterbury, was found dead in the ruins.

The fire is believed to have started in the dining-room, spreading quickly to the upper floor. The house was built upon oak beams, and there was a considerable amount of other woodwork in the building, such as oak panels.

Mrs. Bazley-White is believed to have been the first person in the house to discover the fire. She rushed out of her bedroom to warn the maids and then went back to fetch the child. It is stated that when the maids were awakened they made repeated attempts to reach the telephone on the ground floor to summon the fire brigade. Time after time smoke and flames drove them back until they abandoned the attempt and escaped.

Mrs. Whitfield, who was in bed suffering from injuries she received in jumping from her burning bedroom, told a vivid account of the fire to the Evening Standard representative.

(Continued on next column.)

BRITISH FILMS TRIUMPH.

FOUR "BLIND BOOKED" BY KEY-THEATRE.

MANAGER'S FAITH.

A remarkable gesture of faith in the future of British film-production has been made by Mr. Charles Penley, manager of the Astoria Cinema, which aspires to be the "key-theatre" of British film-production, says the Daily Express. Mr. Penley has booked four of the great British films scheduled for next year, without having seen a foot of them, or even the scenarios. Admittedly, he has booked the films which, above all others, are destined to create a future of public interest.

They are: "TELL ENGLAND!" in which the War Office and the Admiralty will combine to present an official history of the Gallipoli campaign, on the basis of Mr. Ernest Raymond's stirring novel.

"THE MAYFLOWER," an authentic history of the Pilgrim Fathers, produced partly in England and partly in America.

"CONQUEST," an original story from Colonel John Buchan, M.P., concerned with tracing the historical development of the "English spirit."

"KNIGHTS OF THE AIR," "Ian Hay's" story of the Air Force, produced with full official co-operation.

"THE KING," another notable British production, was secured by Mr. Penley some time ago.

Seren Epics.

The first four films mentioned are the work of British Instructional Films, Ltd., who have produced most of the national screen epics of recent years, and also the beautiful "Seren" series, called "Secrets of Nature," all of which have additionally been secured by Mr. Penley, who is already committed to present the "Naval Battles" film at Balmoral.

"We all went to bed fairly early," she said. "I was sleeping in a room at one end of the first floor."

Major and Mrs. Bazley-White, the nurse and the child slept in rooms on this same floor.

"A narrow passage ran along the full length of the floor, and was broken by a few steps. Some time before midnight I was awakened by a scream. It was Mrs. Bazley-White. She was screaming, 'Oh, fire, fire! We are blazing!' I ran to the door of my room and opened it. A terrific sheet of flame sent me staggering, and before I could shut the door my room was on fire, too."

"I could hear my mistress rushing about her room and screaming. Then she stopped. There was no movement from the nursery or from Major Bazley-White's room. We could not telephone. The telephone was in the blazing study. I ran to my window and sat on the sill screaming."

"No one came. So I shut my eyes and jumped. I hurt my leg, but I got up and ran round the house. I tried every door. They were locked. So I ran down the lane and told my brothers, Ben and Ted. Then while they went for help my father and mother looked after me. Everything was lit up by the glare. My father came back, and said Olive and Margery, the maids, had got out by a side door."

"From start to finish I saw no one in the blazing hall. Only I heard my mistress screaming and rushing about. I think she could not get out of her room."

Fireman believe that Major White, his son, and the governess were suffocated by smoke.

Captain Bazley-White.

Major Richard Booth Leslie Bazley-Smith, D.S.O., was the second son of the late Mr. John Bazley-White and Lady Grace Bazley-White. He was born in 1888, and his Army service began in the West Kent Militia, and he later became a captain in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, with which he was associated since he was 19 years of age.

Before the war he served in Singapore and for a considerable time in India. During his war services in Egypt he commanded the 1st and 3rd Native Egyptian battalions, and was a staff officer. Subsequently as Brigadier-general in the Egyptian Army he commanded the Western Army Field Forces in the Sudan.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m. Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning. Fanning Hunt: Steeplechase Meeting, Kwai.

Yachting: 4th Championship Race for racing yachts. Motor-cycle Football, Mongkok, 3 p.m.

Cricket League: Division I: Chinese R.C. v. R.G.A. Division II: Recreation v. Royal Navy; R.A.O.C. v. Royal Engineers; Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.

Friendly Cricket: R.C.C. v. Craighower C.C.; C.S.C.C. v. R.A.P. v. Fanning v. R.C.C. 2nd XI. H.K. Electric R.C. v. China Light and Power Co. R.C.

Lawn Bowls: Spey Royal Cup Final: Tai Kok v. Craighower C.C., at Kowloon C.C. Friendly match between Club de Recreation and Craighower C.C., 3.30 p.m.

Football League: Division I: Recreation v. K.O.S.B.; Kowloon v. Chinese Ath. Club v. Police. Division II: "A": St. Joseph's v. Royal Artillery; Kowloon v. K.O.S.B.; South China "A" v. Recreation; Chinese Ath. v. Club.

University v. South China "B". Division II: "B": South China "B" v. South China "A"; Moslems v. St. Joseph's; Scouts v. Kowloon; Chinese Ath. v. Kung Woo.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Dioecesan Girls' College, Concert, 9 p.m.

Hong Kong Boxing Association's second tournament of the season. City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Show." World Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."

Star Theatre: "Dancing Mothers." Principal Mail: Inward: Europe via Siberia (Ermland), 5 p.m.

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Sunday. 2nd Sunday in Advent.

Combined meeting of H.K. Branches of China Coast-Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, at Guilds offices, 67, Des Voeux Road Central, 10.30 a.m.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning; 1st and 2nd rounds of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Stables, 10 a.m.

Yachting: St. George's v. St. Andrew's Societies.

44th Annual Al Fresco Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, of the Sound of the Catholic Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Theological Society: Lecture by Mr. H. E. Laneport on "The Coming of the World Teacher," Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

World Theatre: "The Rain-maker."

Star Theatre: "Wet Paint." Principal Mail: Inward: Europe via Suez (Tampa), Monday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning. Yachting: Ladies' 2nd Championship Race.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hokey: Y.M.C.A. "A" v. Club "A."

Demonstration on "Japanese Flower Placing" by Mr. Sohyu Wada, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

World Theatre: "The Rain-maker."

Star Theatre: "Wet Paint." Principal Mail: Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Pierce); Australia, etc. (St. Albans); U.S.A., etc. (Siberia Maru). Outward: American, Canada, etc.; Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (President Madison), 5 p.m.

Tuesday. St. Nicholas Day.

Annual Sale of Work for Blind Home, Kowloon, at Helena May Institute, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hokey: Club 2nd XI v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.

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" IV.	5
" III.	11
" II.	14
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Buenos Aires	70.2
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
New York	4.87 1/16
Geneva	25.30
Milan	90
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.34
Prague	18.44
Madrid	29.92
Athens	36.7
Rio	5.27 1/2
Bombay	1/6
Hong Kong	2/6
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26

INDIAN CHARGED WITH
MURDER.

HEARING AT SHANGHAI.

HIGH SEAS TRAGEDY.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28th.

Saki Mohammed, Indian watchman, charged with the murder of a Chinese cook aboard the s.s. *Linan* en route from Swatow to Shanghai on November 28th, appeared on remand before Mr. I. T. Morris, Magistrate at H. M. Police Court yesterday morning and was again remanded in custody after several witnesses for the prosecution had been heard.

These witnesses included Captain J. D. White of the s.s. *Linan*, Dr. A. D. Wall, who examined the body of deceased when it was brought to Shanghai on November 28th. Mr. J. Priestwood, Jr., appeared for the prosecution, Mr. Tcho Wing for defendant.

Counsel for the prosecution stated that at 10 p.m. on November 28th travellers on board the vessel heard three shots fired and it was thought that pirates were on board. None appeared, however, and no further shots were heard. An investigation was made and in the port companionway deceased's body was found. Inquiries were made as to the shots and defendant was singled out for suspicion as he was on duty at the time armed with a rifle and a revolver.

Captain White testified that he was asleep in his cabin at the time and was awakened by the quarter-master who told him of the shooting. Witness then gave orders for the defendant to be disarmed, and this was carried out by several members of the crew. Upon examining the rifle and revolver of the accused it was found that three shots had been fired from the revolver. (The revolver and three empty shells were produced in Court).

Counsel for the defence raised an objection when witness was asked if accused made any statement at the time he was disarmed as he had not been properly cautioned. This objection the Magistrate sustained. Dr. Wall stated that he found the cause of death was a bullet wound received in the head.

Mr. Wing reserved his right to cross-examine the witnesses. At the next hearing three Indian guards formerly employed on the *Linan* are to be called. These men were transferred to another vessel to prevent trouble between them and the Chinese crew. The next hearing will be held on December 2nd.—*Shanghai Times*.

NEW BUSES FOR
SHANGHAI.
FLEET ORDERED FROM
ENGLAND.

New motor buses will shortly be seen on the streets of Shanghai, a fleet of vehicles having been completed by Guy Motors, Ltd., to the order of the China Bus Co.

The buses are 30-seaters, and the chassis is of the dropped frame type with a 34 h.p. engine.

The bodies are fitted with longitudinal seats the whole length of the vehicles, and in addition to the ordinary windows there are also special shutters to prevent sun glare, which can be raised or lowered on to the body as required.

Removable floor boards are arranged over the whole of the transmission, which makes all the chassis particularly accessible. Another special feature about these vehicles is that the steering is placed in the forward position alongside the engine, and the driver's cab is extended the whole width of the body, this being a little different from the previous practice of building the half cab. With the present arrangement, however, the engine is quite accessible, as access can be gained to the rear of the engine through the forward door, and there is plenty of room inside to make any adjustments.

TIENTSIN BRIDGE REMAINS
CLOSED.RIVER ABOVE IT NOT
NAVIGABLE NOW.

TIENTSIN, Nov. 15th.
The new International bridge across the Haiho River, intended to improve traffic facilities and provide a means for vessels to reach the upper river where the Japanese and Italian bands are, has not been opened since its trial on the first day. It is a lift bridge, but the mechanism has not been brought into play because the upper part of the river is filled with silt.

Marine men now are agitating for some means of raising the 82,000,000 which the Finance and Interior Ministries of the Peking government say will be enough to put the provisional scheme into effect for reducing the flow of silt from the Yung Ting River at Peking, into the Haiho River.

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Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$360 buy.
Doogies	\$336 buy.
Steamboats	\$320 nom.
H.K. Tugs	\$170 sel.
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Kailan Mining Ad.	\$3 nom.
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Do. (single)	\$11 buy.
S'hai Explorations	\$121 buy.
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BOXING.

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

CONTENDERS FOR THE WELTER WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

[BY BANTAM.]

Boxing fans are well catered for to-night when the Hong Kong Boxing Association have arranged 45 rounds of hard hitting fistbouts at the Theatre Royal.

The chief draw will be the fight between A. B. Bennett, of H.M.S. Witherington and Gunner Hornsey, H.M.S. Argus. These two will meet in a fifteen round contest for the welterweight championship of the Colony.

Bennett gave a very good account of himself last year when he met the late Stoker Morris. Although he lost the fight on points, there was nevertheless a certain amount of controversy as to who had won. Bennett, as far as I could remember, is a fast and hard hitter and has much ringcraft behind him. It will certainly take a real gridiron to extend him. But on the other hand, Hornsey is reputed to be another hard slogger, and, and from what they say in the boxing circles, ringcraft is his middle name.

However, we are not concerned as to who will win the bout; we feel pretty sure that they will go at it hammer and tongs and display all the science they possess. This will be sufficient to attract a huge crowd.

From talks I had with both men, I was told that there would be no half measure. They will fight to the last and not allow a draw. One of them is going to get the belt.

There will also be five other six round contests in various weights, and some of the contestants are well-known to the fans of this Colony.

"BIG NOISE" DUNCAN.

Cpl. Donald Duncan, R.M., the "big noise" of Shanghai will be in the Colony in a week or so. Duncan, according to the Shanghai papers, had not given a fight away to any one whom he had met. He will fight in Hong Kong as the Boxing Association has found a match for him.

There will also be another 6 round contest to-night between leading Seamen Hall of H.M.S. Titania and A. B. Coombes of H.M.S. Wivern.

K.O.S.B.'S BOXING TOURNA-
MENT.

INTERESTING NOVICES BOUTS.

COMING COMPETITION WITH
H.M.S. "ARGUS."

There was a very good attendance last night at the Murray Barracks when the annual Inter-Company Boxing Tournament of the 2nd K.O.S.B. was held.

Among the Senior Officers present were Lieut.-Colonel L. T. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major G. M. H. Ogilvy, Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Capt. A. G. Dobbie and others.

The referee was Major Campbell, D.S.O., M.C. (R.A.M.C.).
Judges—Lieuts. Shillington, Ker and Welch.

Time-keeper—Lieut. Scott-Elliott.
Sergeant Seamen v. Pte. Champelovier.

Both men were willing to mix and some really hard slogging was seen. Even round.

Seamens showed up better in the second round and had his man driven to the ropes on several occasions. Champelovier's seconds threw up the sponge just at the end of the 2nd round.

McGuire v. Porter.

Pte. McGuire opened the bout with a few soft taps which had the effect of sending his man to the board on two occasions. In the middle of the round, he sent Porter down for the full count. A very disappointing fight.

Spalding v. Jenkins.

Pte. Spalding, of "D" Company, then shook hands with L/C Jenkins, of Headquarters Wings. Both men opened cautiously and there were more misses than actual "bells."

The second round was also a rather tame affair, but towards the end, Jenkins made an effort to score with his left, but was unsuccessful.

The third round saw both men at it hammer and tongs, and Spalding took the lead from the commencement. Spalding landed a neat upper cut, and the force of his punch sent Jenkins to the boards. Spalding won on points.

Murphy v. Cox.

Two little game youngsters, Boy Murphy and Boy Cox, both of Headquarters Wings, then took the ring. These two lads displayed a better style than their older contestants, force behind their punches, although they did not pack sufficient force behind their punches. Murphy's round.

In the second round Murphy was doing all the attacking, but his opponent's guards were impenetrable. Towards the end Murphy scored. Murphy's round.

Murphy had the best throughout the last round and came out an easy winner.

Scarborough v. Dawson.

L/C Dawson was disqualified towards the end of the first round, although he was leading on points. He was in every way a better man than Scarborough.

Riddell v. Lenahan.

A fast and exciting bout with Riddell charging at his opponent like the proverbial wild bull. The fight, however, came to an unexpected end, when Riddell got a bleeding nose and gave up to Lenahan.

Clark v. Walls.

This bout opened with Clark fighting cautiously. Walls was doing all the attacking, but got the worst of the exchanges.

Rapid exchanges in the second round, but Clark proved a stone wall to Walls. Clark's round.

Walls picked up considerably in the third round and paid up his debts with something over. He won the decision by a small margin.

Hazelton v. Stevens.

The opening bout in the second moiety was between Hazelton and Stevens. Both men were full of pep and went at each other with vigour. Stevens was more aggressive and scored successively to the face and body. Stevens' round.

Both men were still fighting with force in the third round, and Stevens, who is an old stager, sent down several telling punches to the face. Later he connected once to the solar plexus. He won a popular decision.

Boyer v. Murray.

Boyer had the best of the first round in this fight. He had the advantage in punch and appeared to possess more ringcraft.

Murray was again out-fought in the second round. Boyer with well-timed punches sent him to the board twice.

Boyer danced around his man and had his way all through. He could have disposed of him by the K.O. route had he chose, but he, however, was satisfied with a decision.

Frame v. Woolley.

These two contestants staged the most interesting bout of the evening. Both men went strongly and kept at it till the gong sounded. The first round was a toe-to-toe fight. There were no guards and the fighters simply took and gave away all what they could.

The second round was a replica of the first. Frame, however, managed to tap away to the face and made Woolley groggy.

Frame won the fight, and Woolley was given an ovation for being a good loser, the judge remarking that both men were even in many ways.

Gardner v. McCartney.

Honours were about even in the first round of this bout. Both men were raw, full of pep. Gardner was slightly leading at the end of the second round, and after much skipping here and there, he knocked out McCartney almost towards the end of the last round.

Byrne v. Martin.

There was nothing much to choose between the two fighters. Both men did not possess much ringcraft, and although Byrne had the advantage in weight of about one stone, he could not do any damage to his opponent. Both men fought to a draw.

McGill v. Carney.

Corpl. McGill met Pte. Carney in the last but one bout, and although the fight was not in itself very exciting, McGill, however, was knocked out by an upper cut to the jaw towards the end of the first round.

Higgs v. Armet.

The last bout of the evening was between Pte. Higgs and L/C Armet. These two youngsters fought like old-timers. Higgs was particularly impressive and possessed much speed. He won the first rounds with ease. He should make a good boxer with a little more training. Higgs won the fight on points.

Prize Distribution.

In giving away the prizes to the winners and runners-up, Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., thanked the Committee for arranging the programme. He said that two or three tournaments had been held previously and although they were not successful, that was not the fault of the Committee but only because of lack of experience. At the Command's Sport held last Tuesday, it was decided also to hold a Command's Boxing Tournament which would probably take place on February 15th. A silver cup would, it was hoped, be presented to the Regiment winning the highest aggregate points.

On Friday, at the Murray Barracks, another boxing competition will be held from the K.O.S.B. and H.M.S. Argus.

DEMOCRACY IN THE
BALANCE.OREGON ORATORS AT THE
Y.M.C.A.

AN INTERESTING DEBATE.

The lounge of the Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon was filled last evening with those who had come to hear the Oregon Debating Team defend the cause of democracy, the question for debate being "Is Democracy a Failure?"

The case against Democracy was opened by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston. Democracy, he declared, had been dead since the time of Greece and Rome, but the last 150 years had seen its renaissance. "If a man was not a democrat at twenty he had no heart, but if he was one at thirty he had no head."

Mr. B. McCaskey, of Oregon, began by admitting that all governments are bad, but Democracy was the best form of bad government. Mr. McCaskey was an enthusiast for the Government of the United States.

Mr. P. Sands maintained that the best type of popular Government was a Commonwealth, the bad type democracy. Democracy demanded enthusiastic and intelligent Parliamentary government and the average citizen was politically lazy.

Supporting the opposition, Mr. W. H. Hempstead admitted that Democracy had many faults, but in giving internal stability and external protection it was second to none. It had removed once and for all the despotism of feudalism.

Mr. T. J. Price challenged the last speaker, maintaining that Democracy failed when it had to defend itself, for a democratic army was a manifest absurdity. Mussolini was a symbol of disappointed Democracy, while the stability of Great Britain depended upon the King behind a democratic government.

Mr. A. Thompson, the third of the Oregon speakers, stated that Democracy was the ideal of Christian faith; yet, it had been said that a State run in accordance with the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount would be bankrupt in a week.

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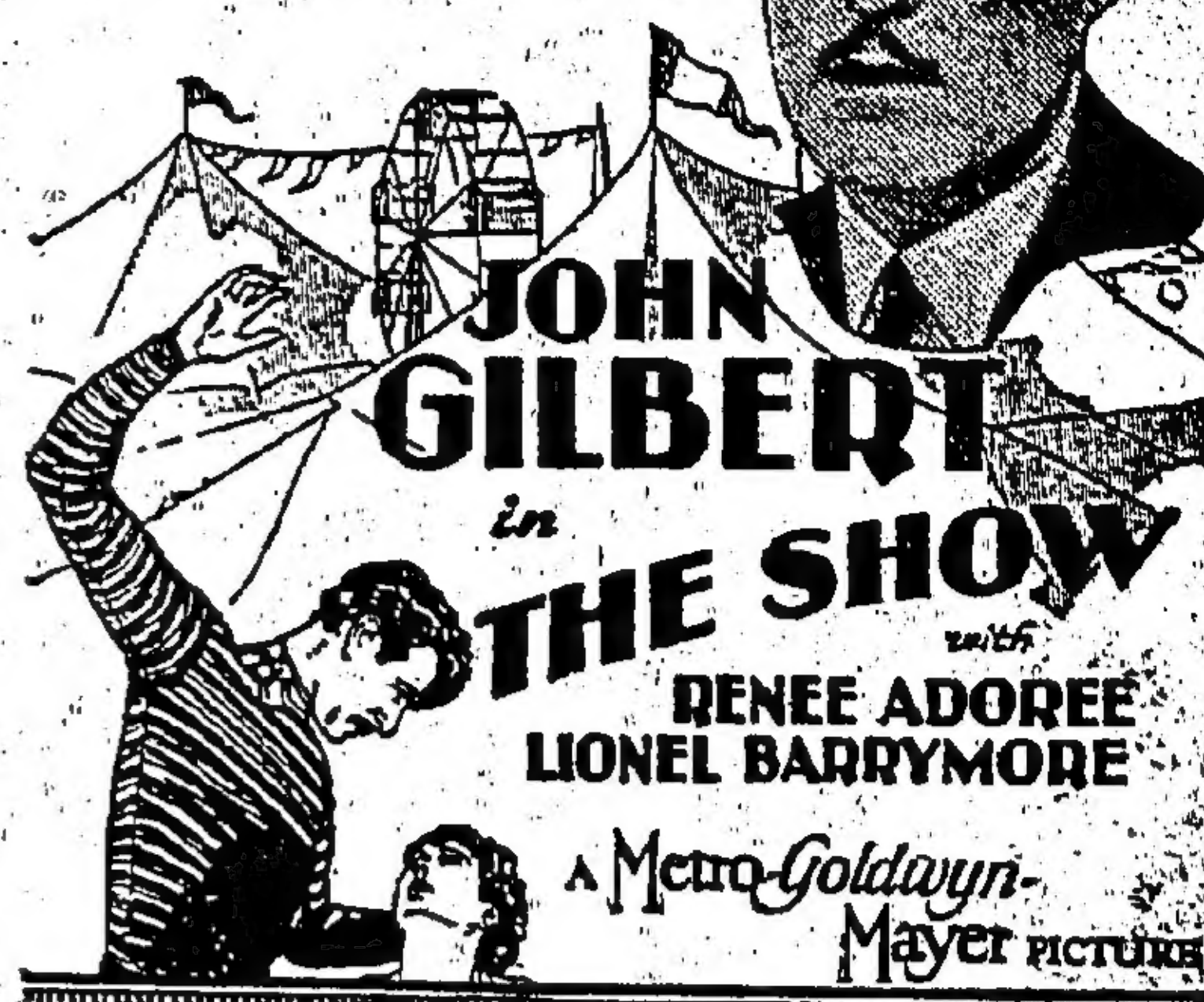
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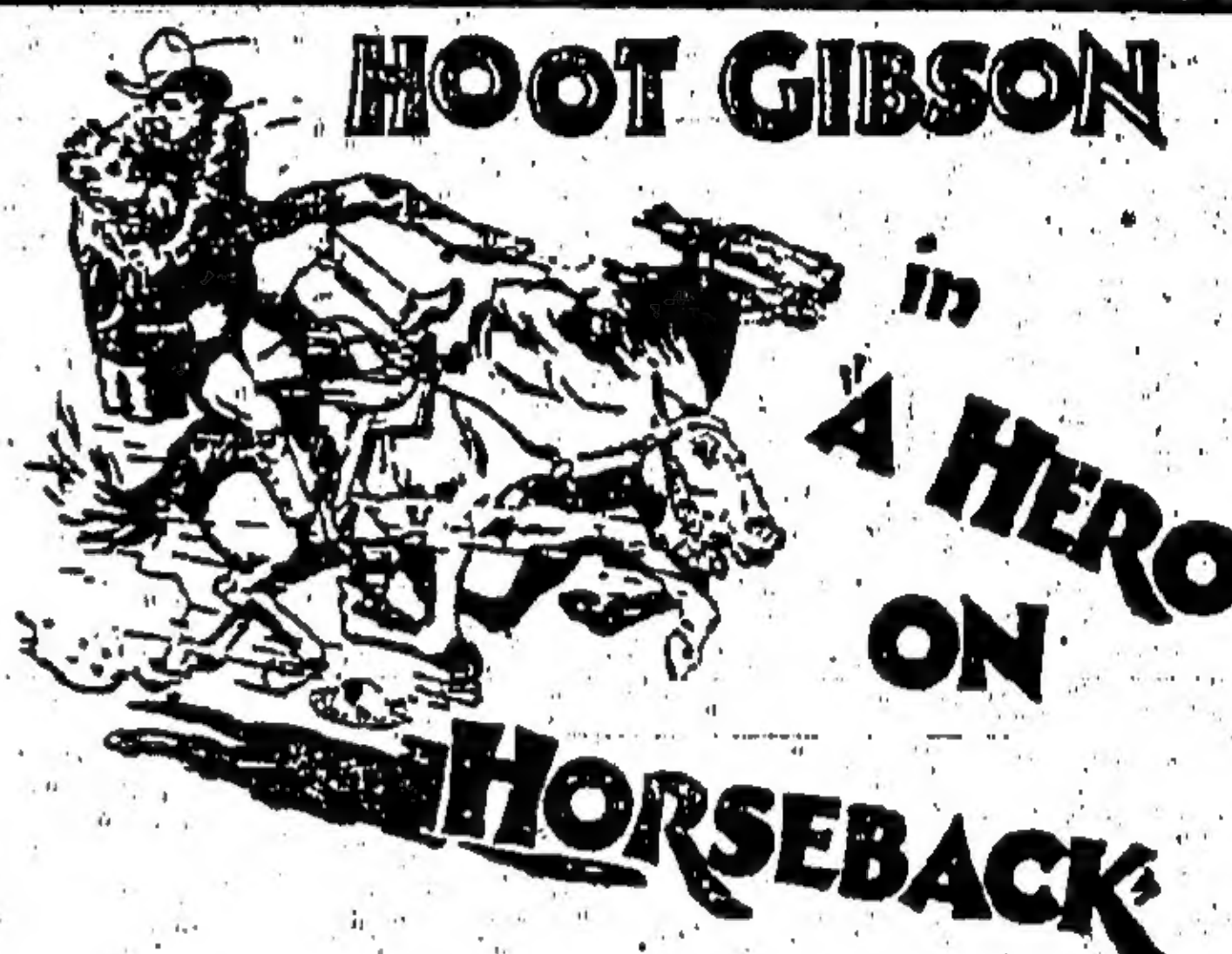
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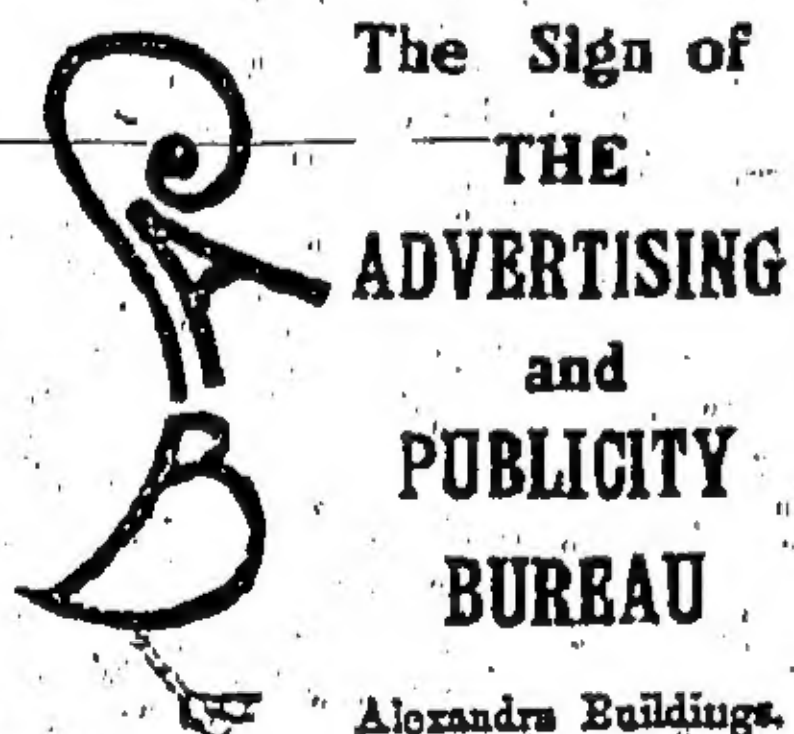
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BOXING.

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

**CONTENTERS FOR THE
WELTERWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

(BY BANTAM.)

Boxing fans are well catered for to-night when the Hong Kong Boxing Association have arranged 45 rounds of hard hitting fistfights at the Theatre Royal.

The chief draw will be the fight between A. B. Bennett of H.M.S. Witherington and Gunner Hornsey, H.M.S. Argus. These two will meet in a fifteen round contest for the welterweight championship of the Colony.

Bennett gave a very good account of himself last year when he met the late Stoker Morris. Although he lost the fight on points, there was nevertheless a certain amount of controversy as to who had won. Bennett, as far as I could remember, is a fast and hard hitter and has much ringcraft behind him. It will certainly take a real gridiron to extend him. But on the other hand, Hornsey is reputed to be another hard slogger, and, and from what they say in the boxing circles, ringcraft is his middle name.

However, we are not concerned as to who will win the bout; we feel pretty sure that they will go at it hammer and tongs and display all the science they possess. This will be sufficient to attract a huge crowd.

From talks I had with both men, I was told that there would be no half measure. They will fight to the last and not allow a draw. One of them is going to get the belt.

There will also be five other six round contests in various weights, and some of the contestants are well-known to the fans of this Colony.

"BIG NOISE" DUNCAN.

Cpl. Donald Duncan, R.M., the "big noise" of Shanghai will be in the Colony on a week or so. Duncan, according to the Shanghai papers, had not given a fight away to any one whom he had met. He will fight in Hong Kong as the Boxing Association has found a match for him.

There will also be another 6 round contest to-night between leading Seaman Hall of H.M.S. Titania and A. B. Coombes of H.M.S. Witherington.

**K.O.S.B.'S BOXING TOURNA-
MENT.**

INTERESTING NOVICES BOUTS.

**COMING COMPETITION WITH
H.M.S. "ARGUS."**

There was a very good attendance last night at the Murray Barracks when the annual Inter-Company Boxing Tournament of the end K.O.S.B. was held.

Among the Senior Officers present were Lieut.-Colonel L. T. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major G. M. H. Ogilvy, Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Capt. A. G. Dobbie and others.

The referee was Major Campbell, D.S.O., M.C. (R.A.M.C.).

Judges: Lieuts. Shillington, Ker and Welch.

Time-keeper: Lieut. Scott-Elliott.

Sergt. Seamen: Pte. Champelovier.

Both men were willing to mix and some really hard slogging was seen. Even round.

Seamen showed up better in the second round and had his man driven to the ropes on several occasions. Champelovier's seconds threw up the sponge just at the end of the 2nd round.

McGuire v. Porter.
Pte. McGuire opened the bout with a few soft taps which had the effect of sending his man to the board on two occasions. In the middle of the round, he sent Porter down for the full count. A very disappointing fight.

Spalding v. Jenkins.
Pte. Spalding, of "D" Company, then shook hands with L/C. Jenkins, of Headquarters Wings. Both men opened cautiously and there were more misses than actual "bells."

The second round was also a rather tame affair, but towards the end, Jenkins made an effort to score with his left, but was unsuccessful.

The third round saw both men at it hammer and tongs, and Spalding took the lead from the commencement. Spalding landed a neat upper cut, and the force of his punch sent Jenkins to the boards. Spalding won on points.

Murphy v. Cox.

Two little game youngsters, Boy Murphy and Boy Cox, both of Headquarters Wings, then took the ring. These two lads displayed a better style than their older contestants, force behind their punches, although they did not pack sufficient force behind their punches. Murphy's round.

In the second round Murphy was doing all the attacking, but his opponent's guards were impenetrable. Towards the end Murphy scored. Murphy's round.

Murphy had the best throughout the last round and came out an easy winner.

Scarborough v. Dawson.

L/C. Dawson was disqualified towards the end of the first round, although he was leading on points. He was in every way a better man than Scarborough.

Riddell v. Lennahan.

A fast and exciting bout with Riddell charging at his opponent like the proverbial wild bull. The fight, however, came to an unexpected end, when Riddell got a bleeding nose and gave up to Lennahan.

Clark v. Walls.

This bout opened with Clark fighting cautiously. Walls was doing all the attacking, but got the worst of the exchanges.

Rapid exchanges in the second round, but Clark proved a stone wall to Walls. Clark's round.

Walls picked up considerably in the third round and paid up his debts with something over. He won the decision by a small margin.

Hazeltine v. Stevens.

The opening bout in the second moiety was between Hazeltine and Stevens. Both men were full of pep and went at each other with vigour. Stevens was more aggressive and scored successfully to the face and body. Stevens' round.

Both men were still fighting with force in the third round, and Stevens, who is an old stager, sent down several telling punches to the face. Later he connected one to the solar plexus. He won a popular decision.

Boyer v. Murray.

Boyer had the best of the first round in this fight. He had the advantage in punch and appeared to possess more ringcraft.

Murray was again out-fought in the second round. Boyer with well-timed punches sent him to the board twice.

Boyer danced around his man and had his way all through. He could have disposed of him by the K.O. route had he chose, but he, however, was satisfied with a decision.

Frame v. Woolley.

These two contestants staged the most interesting bout of the evening. Both men went strongly and kept at it till the gong sounded. The first round was a toe-to-toe fight. There were no guards and the fighters simply took and gave away all what they could.

The second round was a replica of the first. Frame, however, managed to tap away to the face and made Woolley groggy.

Frame won the fight, and Woolley was given an ovation for being a good loser, the judge remarking that both men were even in many ways.

Gardner v. McCartney.

Honours were about even in the first round of this bout. Both men were raw, full of pep.

Gardner was slightly leading at the end of the second round, and after much skipping here and there, he knocked out McCartney almost towards the end of the last round.

Byrne v. Martin.

There was nothing much to choose between the two fighters. Both men did not possess much ringcraft, and although Byrne had the advantage in weight of about one stone, he could not do any damage to his opponent. Both men fought to a draw.

McGill v. Carney.

Corpl. McGill met Pte. Carney in the last but one bout, and although the fight was not in itself very exciting, McGill, however, was knocked out by an upper cut to the jaw towards the end of the first round.

Higgs v. Armet.

The last bout of the evening was between Pte. Higgs and L.-Corpl. Armet. These two youngsters fought like old-timers. Higgs was particularly impressive and possessed much speed. He won the first rounds with ease. He should make a good boxer with a little more training. Higgs won the fight on points.

Prize Distribution.

In giving away the prizes to the winners and runners-up, Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., thanked the Committee for arranging the programme. He said that two or three tournaments had been held previously and although they were not successful that was not the fault of the Committee but only because of lack of experience. At the Commands' Sport held last Tuesday, it was decided also to hold a Commands' Boxing Tournament which would probably take place on February 15th. A silver cup would, it was hoped, be presented to the Regiment winning the highest aggregate points.

On Friday, at the Murray Barracks, another boxing competition will be men from the K.O.S.B. and H.M.S. Argus.

**DEMOCRACY IN THE
BALANCE.**

**OREGON ORATORS AT THE
Y.M.C.A.**

AN INTERESTING DEBATE.

The lounge of the Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon was filled last evening with those who had come to hear the Oregon Debating Team defend the cause of democracy, the question for debate being "Is Democracy a Failure?"

The case against Democracy was opened by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston. Democracy, he declared, had been dead since the time of Greece and Rome, but the last 150 years had seen its renaissance. If a man was not a democrat at twenty he had no heart; but if he was one at thirty he had no head.

Mr. B. McCaskey, of Oregon, began by admitting that all governments are bad, but Democracy was the best form of bad government. Mr. McCaskey was an enthusiast for the Government of the United States.

Mr. P. Sands maintained that the best type of popular Government was a Commonwealth; the bad type democracy. Democracy demanded enthusiastic and intelligent Parliamentary government and the average citizen was politically lazy.

Supporting the opposition, Mr. W. H. Hempstead admitted that Democracy had many faults, but in giving internal stability and external protection it was second to none. It had removed once and for all the despotism of feudalism.

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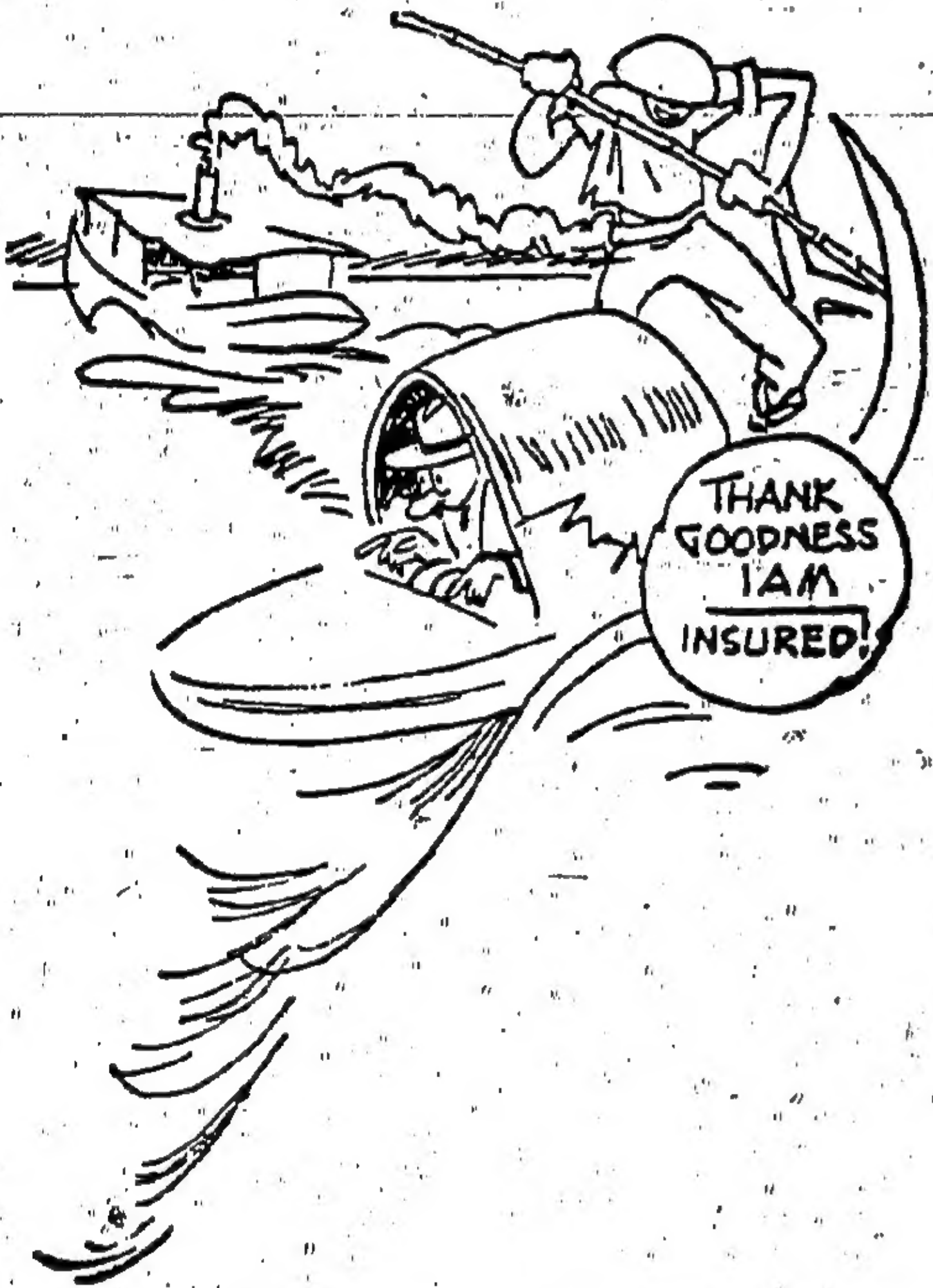
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One of the largest collections of toys seen at any one bazaar will be on view, over 7,000 toys and articles of a useful and seasonable nature, having been specially imported from Europe and America; and it is expected that every stall will present a very attractive appearance.

There will be stalls to suit all pockets, prices ranging from ten cents to \$5. Another attractive stall will be again the popular farmyard, stocked with home-raised turkeys, sucking pigs, geese, etc.

The big feature of the fete will be, of course, the draw for the Erskine Four-Senter, which will take place at 10.30. Lieut. Mett and Messrs. M. D. G. Hoare, H. Annmann, Leung Tung Cheung, L. A. Barton, Fred. Xavier and H. Hendriksen, will act as scrutineers of this draw.

Another special feature of this year will be a surprise cake with 500 slices, every slice with a prize, and amongst the prizes there will be diamond rings, wedding rings, brooches, charms, gold and silver coins, etc.

In the evening the ground will be brilliantly illuminated. The Hong Kong Hotel Garage is very kindly providing a special motor-bus service from the Star Ferry pier to the Cathedral from 3 p.m. the fare being 20 cents each way.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Messrs. the full Military Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers will play both in the afternoon and in the evening. Mr. W. H. Earle, A.R.C.M., conducting.

The programme of music will be as follows:

Afternoon Programme From 3 To 6 O'Clock.

- 1.—March of the Peers from Tolanthe, Sullivan.
- 2.—Overture "Tancrède," Rossini.
- 3.—(a) Gavotte: "Mignon," Thomas; (b) Serenade: "La Paloma," Zander.
- 4.—Selection: "The Desert Song," Romberg.
- 5.—"Echo des Bastions," Keing.
- 6.—Three Dances to "Henry VIII," German.
- 7.—Selection: "Faust," Gounod.
- 8.—Intermezzo: "Baby's Sweetheart," Corri.
- 9.—Suite: "Ballet Egyptian," Luigini.
- 10.—"The Niggers' Birthday," Lincke.

Evening Programme From 8.30 To 11 p.m.

- 1.—March Past from "Tannhauser," Wagner.
- 2.—Chinese Suite "The Feast of Lanterns," Gloyer.
- 3.—Selection: "Yeomen of the Guard," Sullivan.
- 4.—Piccolo Solo: "The Deep Blue Sea," Brewer.
- 5.—(a) Serenade: "O Sole Mio," Di Capua; (b) Intermezzo: "Aisha," Lindsay.
- 6.—The Entry of the Gods into Valhalla, Wagner.
- 7.—Selection: "Rose Marie," Frime.
- 8.—Excerpts: (a) "The Angelus," Massenet; (b) "Cardus Zeambek," Gang.
- 9.—Descriptive: "In a Persian Market," Kelsby.
- 10.—Selection: "The Blue Mazurka," Lehai.

Blue Bonnets over the Border. God Save the King.
Chinese Lady Juggler.
A new attraction this year will be a Variety Concert of Songs—Jugglery, Plate Tricks, Fire Tricks, Boxing and Acrobatics by Miss Chi Kuk Chai—the daughter of the famous Magician, Chi Lin Fu and her troupe, who are on their way to Sydney and who have kindly volunteered whilst in the Colony to help the Society in their good cause.

A splendid evening's sup is promised and visitors to the fete at this Christmas Season have the additional pleasure of knowing that every dollar spent is a contribution towards the splendid work of charity which the Society is doing in the relief of the poor of this Colony and education of their children.

"FUN OF THE FAIR."

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FOR MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

The very satisfactory sum of \$10,000 was cleared by the "Fun of the Fair" fete at Lee Gardens on behalf of the Hong Kong branch of the Ministering Children's League. The receipts came to \$11,613.57 of which \$2,494.80 was from gate receipts.

Mrs. Southern's Thanks.

We have received the following letter of thanks to those who helped from Mrs. Southern:

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.]

SIR.—I should like to express the warm thanks of the Committee to Mr. Lee Hysan for putting at our disposal the Lee Garden and thereby enabling us to have a suitable setting for the fair. Mr. Lee Hysan and his son, Mr. Richard Lee, and also Mr. Lee Bak Hung gave us valuable assistance throughout the fair.

A special word must be said regarding the arduous work of the Joint Secretaries, Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. Wynne Jones and Mr. Peter Pau, who cheerfully and untiringly laboured for the success of the fair.

Collectively I thank all the branches of the M.C.L. and all friends of all races who supported us so splendidly.

And to the Press we owe a great debt of gratitude.—Yours faithfully,

BELLA SOUTHERN,

Government House.

December 2nd, 1927.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

The following statement of accounts has been published, having been audited by Messrs. E. I. Wynne Jones and B. E. Maughan.

Receipts.	
General—	
Gate	\$2,494.80
Dance	658.00
Motor car raffles	739.10
Sale of programmes	344.00
Proceeds from advertisements	1,060.00
Donations	307.89
Clock room	2.00
	\$5,605.79

Victoria Branch—	
Baby stall	\$120.50
Basket stall	34.60
Kandy kils	573.75
Chocolates	82.00
	\$10.85

Naval Dockyard Branch—	
Shooting gallery	58.25
Shute and aunt sally	63.34
Air balloons and flower pot competitions	121.83
	243.50

Police Branch—	
Bran pie	\$308.85
Men's raffle	232.00
Ladies' raffle	28.00
Hidden treasure	61.80
Cake competition	21.45
Dolls raffles	34.20
	692.30

Military Branch—	
White elephant	\$131.10
Clock golf	5.00
Mrs. Russell Brown's entertainment	301.10
	527.50

Prison Branch—	
Cocoanuts and aunt sally	\$343.93
Ice	312.10
	656.03

Peak Branch—	
Children stall	23.50
Ice	227.55
Balloons	46.00
	310.05

Bellios School: Lucky ring	
St. Paul's Girls'	787.90
Dollar stall	1,003.00
Girl Guides	115.30
Range competition	
University Branch—	
Tea, gardens, and cigarettes	682.90
Donkey rides	58.85
	741.65

St. Stephen's and Fairlea Schools: Jack Hornor's pie	
	130.00

Total.....\$11,613.57

Expenditure.	
Printing and stationery.....	\$438.97
Advertising, posters, papers, etc.	955.29
Transportation, Band	60.00
Incidental expenses	90.40
Gratuities	78.00
Balance being excess of receipts over expenditure	10,000.00
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VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

FOR BUILDING FUND OF NEW SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

TO BE GIVEN BY "THRACIANS" NEXT WEEK.

A very attractive programme has been arranged for a variety entertainment to be given by The "Thracians" (by kind permission of Comdr. H. E. Suenp, R.N.) at the Old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, on Saturday evening, December 10th, at 8.30.

The object of the entertainment is to raise further money for the Building and Equipment Fund for the New Sailors' and Soldiers' Home which is now in course of erection on the junction of Praya East and Anton Street.

The programme, which is in two sections, comprises ten items in each half.

There is an opening chorus by the "Thracians," which will be followed by a song "Never let her learn to Dance," by A. Thomas; G. Tibbets will contribute "Mignonne," and G. Kirtson is down for a selected song, while E. Hull will sing "Alice," and R. Jones give "Take Thou This Flower." A promising humorous item will be provided by A. Blenkinsop, who is going to explain "The worries of a Father." E. Hull again appears, but this time will mystify the audience with "Dexterous Deceptions." A. Bennett provides a violin solo, "Petals," and the first half of the programme will be brought to a conclusion by F. Eldon, who sings "Ain't Love Grand."

Following the interval, a sketch, entitled "A Coffee Stall," will be given by A. Thomas, A. Blenkinsop, E. Hull and F. Eldon, while G. Tibbets follows with the song, "Take a pair of Sparkling Eyes." G. Kirtson sings "Don Alfonso." A. Blenkinsop contributes the song "Sailing Merrily On," E. Hull renders the song, "The Rich Man Rides By," R. Jones follows with another song, "The Memory of a Song," and A. Thomas will contribute "The Sea Hawk." Another sketch, entitled "Bygone and Mightbe," will be given by the "Thracians," and J. Walsh is responsible for a musical monologue "Orange Blossoms." The entertainment will be wound up by the "Thracians" closing chorus. The accompanist will be C. Whincup.

Admission will be by programme. There should undoubtedly be a full house, for those who have had the privilege of hearing entertainments given by this Naval troupe know that this one should prove very enjoyable.

NEW BUSES FOR KOWLOON.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL RUN.

DOOR CONTROLLED BY DRIVER.

Official tests of the new Thornycroft buses which recently arrived for the China Motor Bus Company were carried out in Kowloon yesterday afternoon. The results were satisfactory and the three vehicles will be put on the road almost immediately.

Traffic-Sub-Inspector Alexander was present, and Sub-Inspector Mason took one of the cars out with a full load of passengers. Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, Far Eastern representative of Messrs. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., Mr. S. Howard, their engineer, both of whom had specially come down from Shanghai in connection with their enterprise, and Mr. Ngah Shing Kwan, manager of the China Motor Bus Co., were among the passengers carried during the trials.

The brake system was tested by climbing Observatory Hill at Kimberley Road, which provides a steep gradient like the climb to the Central Police Station from Hollywood Road. The hand brake and foot brake were tried independently and in each case they held efficiently. The return trip on the slope was done with the foot brake on reverse gear, with satisfactory results.

The new buses have been specially built by Messrs. Thornycroft for the China Motor Bus Company. Accommodation is provided for eight first class and twelve second class passengers. Three more vehicles of the same type will be added to the Company's fleet in the course of a few weeks.

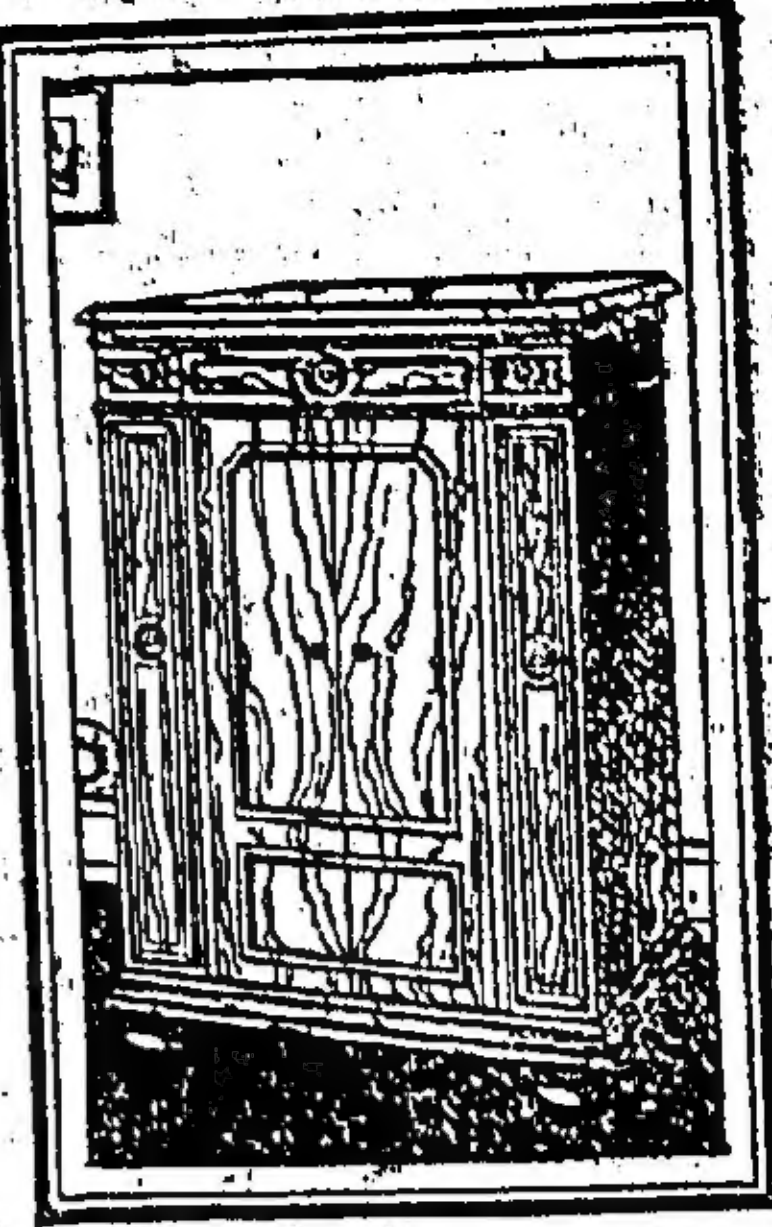
The bus was surrounded by an admiring crowd near the "Star" ferry wharf and the door in front, which is operated by the driver and which closes and opens smoothly by means of a lever, attracted much interest.

Other interesting features in the construction of these "A2 Long" Thornycrofts will be referred to in our motor section next Wednesday.

"THE QUANTS."

LAST PERFORMANCE HERE.

Last night was the final opportunity of seeing "The Quants" in "The Blue Train." It was an exceptionally fine performance, and went even better than on Thursday night. All took their parts in a most capable manner, and met with a hearty reception. The company are now leaving for the South.



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Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:—

Quotations.	
Allenby's	\$3.05
Ayer Moleks	2.45
Glennlys	3.15
Jimahs	2.85
Kedahs	4.50
Malaka Findas	2.60
Pajamas	2.90
Dividends.	
Narborough (F.M.S.) Rubber Co., 5 per cent. Final.	
Tanjong Tin Dredging Co., 5 per cent. Interim.	

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THE RULERS OF CANTON.

HOSTILITY EXPRESSED TO LI TSAI HSIN.

THE RIVAL MILITARISTS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Interesting statements were made by members of the present Canton Government during a mass meeting held in Canton on Thursday. It was the first time that the present rulers had expressed themselves in public since the coup d'état of November 17th. Mr. Chan Kung Pok, acting Chairman of Political Council in Canton, said that the Canton Government was entirely opposed to the Special Committee at Nanking and also considered General Li Tsai Hsin, Pei Tsung Hsi, Li Chung Jen and the other Kwangsi militarists their enemies. General Chang Fat Fui told the meeting that he was on terms of personal friendship with General Li Tsai Hsin, but he considered it his duty to put the interests of the Party and the country before any personal feelings. General Wong Kie Cheung spoke in the same vein and declared that since General Li had become a counter-revolutionary no loyal member of the Kuomintang should support him. Following the speeches a number of "Reds" made themselves heard shouting "Down with Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung." The outburst was at once suppressed and two persons apprehended, one of whom is thought to be a Korean.

Hong Kong and Macao hotels have recently been the scene of many negotiations for the enlistment of military officers now in "retirement" for service in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The two factions of the Kuomintang Party identified with the names of General Chang Fat Fui and General Li Tsai Hsin have both shown great eagerness to secure the adherence of a number of well known veterans.

Adherents of the Kwangsi political section in Canton City have been trying to persuade coolies not to join the labour corps attached to the Kwangtung Army. Large numbers of coolies are needed and fighting is expected in the East and the West River sectors.

Police Authorities in Canton have been instructed to prevent further activities by pickets purporting to represent the anti-British and the anti-Japanese Boycott Committees. These Committees were to have been proscribed from November 30th.

Upon the assurance of the Canton Authorities that ample protection will be given to vessels trading between Canton City and inland ports, most of the tow-boats and junks have sailed on regular schedule since the beginning of this month.

POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

The Kuomintang City Committee in Canton has started a special training class in political subjects, and more than 300 students have already enrolled. The lectures will be on Party Affairs and Political Reports, Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Three People's Principles, Methods of Organising Small Groups, Socialism, Political Science, History of the Kuomintang, Regulations for the Organisation of Kuomintang, Five Powers Constitution, Imperialism and China, Oratory, Statistics, etc.

DISORDER IN WEST RIVER DISTRICT.

VILLAGERS PLUNDERED AND MEN KILLED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

West River, Dec. 1st.

Information has been received that the local Chinese Authorities at Pakkai fear an attack by bandits owing to the withdrawal of troops. Bandits are active in the vicinity of Kuchau to the East of Pakkai and in the Kongmoon district. Steamers plying to Kongmoon were stopped at Plover Island and ordered to anchor until daylight on the nights of November 22nd and 30th.

A report which lacks confirmation is current that the bandits have the support of the Canton Government. A large number of Li Tsai Hsin's troops are in the Kongmoon neighbourhood.

TRADE REVIVAL.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE MEET.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITIES.

A SUMMING UP.

It has already been reported that representatives of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce had a conference on November 24th, to discuss the possibilities of improving trade in the Colony. The meeting was called at the suggestion of the Chinese who drew up an agenda for discussion. The meeting, of course, was private and no official report of the discussion was circulated. Nevertheless it was generally understood in commercial circles that no very tangible result had been achieved and this opinion is supported to some extent by the letter from the Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce published below.

This letter to the Chinese Chamber was obviously written in order that there should be some formal record of the proceedings and it sums up briefly the views put forward and the replies given. Mr. M. F. Key, the Secretary of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, writing to the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber, under date of November 29th, says:

Trade Situation.

DEAR SIR.—With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, I beg to inform you that the conference of representatives of the two Chambers duly took place at this office on November 24th, when I was requested by the meeting to modify your Chamber of what transpired.

All the delegates appointed by the two Chambers were present. The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided. It was explained by the delegates of the Chinese Chamber that it was desired, through the General Chamber of Commerce, to approach the banking institutions of the Colony asking if they could see their way to granting somewhat easier facilities to merchants on the lines set forth in your letter of October 23rd.

In reply to this it was pointed out on behalf of this Chamber that, by publishing its letter the Chinese Chamber had already fully acquainted bankers with their views and that it might be taken for granted that, as far as possible, bankers would respond to the appeal, although, in the nature of things, the extent of trading facilities granted must depend on the circumstances of each particular case. This Chamber had every reason to believe (so far as the British and foreign banks are concerned, with which it is in closer touch than with Chinese banks) that, instead of placing any hindrance in the way of trade, the bankers are at special pains to do all they can to promote trade in these difficult times when unsettled conditions in China inevitably restrict the free exchange of commodities and reduce the purchasing power of the people. In short, the Committee of this Chamber was confident of approaching the banks on the lines suggested, being convinced that the banks need no advice in the sense of doing all they can to encourage trade, and being conscious also that it was outside the province of the Chamber to suggest to bankers the lines on which they should deal with their constituents—a matter in which they must act in accordance with their own judgment, having in view the interests of their shareholders and depositors.

By way of rejoinder it was submitted that Chinese merchants who, in recent times of stress have approached British bankers for the first time, have not received treatment as generous as could be wished. As to this, the Chairman of this Chamber undertook to take up personally and confidentially any cases of hardship of this kind of which particulars were supplied, and the representatives of the Chinese Chamber undertook, if they could, to obtain the consent of the parties, to furnish particulars in confidence.

It was felt by this Chamber that a general statement that business was handicapped by the attitude of the banks was not enough, and that actual instances must be given of loss of trade due to unreasonable refusal to grant financial facilities before the General Chamber of Commerce could profitably take up the matter. It was agreed to postpone to another occasion the question raised in the last paragraph of your letter referring to the effect of the high cost of labour on trade.

(Continued on next Column.)

HOTEL MANAGER SUED.

DEALINGS WITH INDIAN MONEY LENDER.

AN INCAUTIOUS DEBTOR.

At the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), Dalip Singh, a registered money-lender, sued Mr. H. J. White, manager of the Kowloon Hotel, for \$890.40 lent by plaintiff to defendant under two promissory notes dated April 9th, and May 15th, this year.

His Lordship, at the outset of the case, mentioned that the parties were concerned in a Summary Jurisdiction action, previously this year, when judgment was entered for plaintiff, with an order for instalments and later execution was issued.

Plaintiff gave evidence regarding the signing of the two notes, and said that the one dated April 9th related to a loan of \$400, of which no interest had been paid, nor had the principal been returned, although he had applied for it. The second note was for a loan of \$350, and no interest or principal had been paid on this.

Defendant said he had been manager of the Kowloon Hotel since June 1st, but had been out of employment for some months previous to that date, but had helped his brother in his business.

He admitted that he was sued by plaintiff in July, and that an order was made for the payment by instalments of \$200 and costs. Execution was issued and the money was paid into Court in two instalments.

Defendant said he gave the notes mentioned in this case in July, and not in April and May as plaintiff had stated. He did not see plaintiff then, as he was out of employment. He said that plaintiff came to the Kowloon Hotel one morning and asked him to sign the notes, and he dated them back to the dates in question at the request of plaintiff.

Mr. McCallum: At one time you were manager or sub-manager of the Hong Kong Hotel and you have held various posts which require a certain amount of business knowledge. Do you not know that it is wise when signing a renewal of promissory notes to get the old ones back?

Defendant: I admit that I made a mistake there. (Defendant had stated that these notes were in connection with previous notes which he was renewing.)

Mr. McCallum: You ask this Court to believe that you were incautious enough not to get the old notes back.

His Lordship said that unless Mr. White could bring evidence in support of his statement as to when he signed the notes now before the Court he could hardly believe his statement.

Defendant said that he could bring no evidence. His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff.

S.S. "TAISHAN."

The s.s. *Taishan* arrived very late from Canton last night. Due at 10 o'clock, she failed to arrive until 11.15. It was ascertained that she did not leave Canton until five o'clock, having been unable to leave Canton at her usual time, 4 o'clock. She had considerable cargo.

The representatives of this Chamber assured the representatives of the Chinese Chamber that they were in the fullest sympathy with the efforts their Chamber has made in recent months to discover some means of improving the trade situation, and the Committee as a whole desires me to give the same assurance. It is the belief of this Chamber, however, that trade in Hong Kong is bound to be adversely affected whilst the Colony's principal market is disorganised by civil strife and that Hong Kong merchants will unfortunately find it necessary to adapt themselves to conditions of restricted trade until the general situation improves.

I have been specially requested by the delegates from this Chamber to express to Mr. Li Yau Tsun and his colleagues at the meeting their high appreciation of the interesting discussion which took place, and to express the hope that it will be the forerunner of many others in furtherance of our common interests. I am forwarding a copy of your letter, dated 28th October and of this letter to the Exchange Bankers' Association for the information of the Exchange Banks.—I am, dear Sir, Yours, faithfully,

THE MORPHIA CASE.

A NEW TELEGRAM PRODUCED.

DEFENCE ASKS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Unexpected developments took place yesterday in the case in which James Christie and C. Blum are charged with attempting to supply morphia. When the case was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Gordon Leask for the defence asked for an adjournment to give him time to confer with his clients, and to produce certain documents which would be material to the case.

However, before the adjournment was granted, Mr. T. H. King, D.C.L., put Mr. C. P. Marques, of the Great Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., into the box to prove that a certain telegram addressed to "George, c/o King Edward Hotel" was claimed by a wrong party. It appeared that the addressee of this cable was advertised for in the *Hong Kong Daily Press* on November 4th, as a result of which, Jorge who was alleged to be connected with Christie went to the Telegraph Co. to claim the cable. The telegram when opened was found to be for one of the officers of the pirated s.s. *Irene*.

Another witness from the Telegraph Co., Mr. F. Schepel, said that he had sorted out all "forwarding messages" and that he had had no time to go into "receiving messages" and therefore he could not say whether there were any cables relating to the case.

Mr. King said that another telegram was found the previous morning among the belongings of the first defendant and that, subject to any objection by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, he would like to put it in as evidence. Mr. Leask said that he had no objection as that was the cable he was looking for.

The case was then formally adjourned until December 9th, and the case would also be taken on December 12th and 13th in the afternoon.

MURDER BY A MADMAN.

MEN WHO WANTED TO KILL HIM.

HEARING ADJOURNED.

The case was resumed yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy in which a Chinese is charged with the murder of his fifteen year old daughter.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, the defendant being unrepresented.

It will be recalled that the defendant was living happily with his family until his daughter contracted typhoid fever. Her illness preyed on his mind to such an extent that he appeared to go mad.

On September 21st, the girl passed through a critical time, and the father had his daughter on his lap throughout the night. The next night the mother was awakened from her sleep and found the girl lying on the bed bleeding profusely through a wound in her throat. Her husband, the defendant, was also lying on the floor with his throat cut.

The man was taken to the hospital and was found to be insane. He was kept there until recently when the doctor pronounced him to be sane enough to stand his trial. The unfortunate girl died shortly after admission into hospital.

At yesterday's hearing, an interpreter said that when the accused was charged at the Police Station, he said that he found a number of men in his room, wanting to kill him and that he did not know any more.

A neighbour also testified to the accused's condition after his daughter fell ill. He was described then, as a "silly man." He handed the family's jewellery to the neighbour for safe keeping so that his wife would not pawn them to spend the money on joss sticks, etc.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

STRIKE AGITATOR PUNISHED.

The Chinese who was found in possession of pamphlets calling for a strike among local textile workers and who was also caught in the act of inciting some female workers of a certain knitting factory to strike, was yesterday fined \$200 at the Kowloon Magistracy by Mr. W. Schofield.

BOAT-WOMAN AND A CARGO OF SUGAR.

Yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield, a mistress of a cargo boat was charged with having in her possession 120 pounds of sugar which the Police suspected to have been stolen.

Mr. Leo d'Almada who appeared for the defence said that the woman had been ordered by two men to take the sugar across the harbour and that the onus of proving her guilt lay on the Police. If she was not proved guilty, she was therefore entitled to the benefit of the doubt, added Mr. d'Almada. The woman was discharged.

THE HUNG HING ROBBERY.

Further evidence was taken yesterday by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy in connection with the case against two Chinese who are alleged to have committed an armed robbery on the Hung Hing Piece Goods Store at No. 192 Queen's Road Central.

The case was again adjourned.

EURASIAN'S OFFENCE.

A plea of guilty to two charges was rendered by A. J. Simon, a local Eurasian, when he appeared on remand at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson yesterday.

He was alleged to have obtained goods to the value of \$101.45 from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., with intent to defraud. He was employed by the Japanese shoe store, Royal & Company, at the time, and this firm preferred the second charge of absconding with \$33.

Terms of imprisonment of one and two months to run consecutively on the two charges were imposed by the Magistrate.

LARD AS SHIP'S PAINT.

The plea that lard could be used for painting ships put forward by a Chinese among other excuses for being in possession of unwholesome lard, was disproved by the evidence of Dr. M. J. Reidy, the Assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, at the Central Magistracy.

A further charge of using No. 93, Belcher Street, Kennedy Town, as a lard factory was put in by the Sanitary Department.

The evidence of a Sanitary Inspector and Dr. Reidy showed that defendant had been engaged in the manufacture on a large scale of lard from the flesh of pigs which had died of disease.

His Worship fined defendant \$100 on each count and ordered the "factory" to be closed down.

A SLEEPY ROGUE.

Alleged by the police to be a member of a gang of burglars who came recently from Canton, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the theft of clothing and jewellery from a Hollywood Road house.

Soon after the robbery, the police were led by another Chinese to a cockpit in which the defendant lay pretending to be asleep. He subsequently admitted his part in the robbery, but said that another man had got away with the booty.

SNATCHING CHARGE.

A Chinese who was charged with snatching the sum of \$335 from a pig-dealer in Queen's Road West on November 29th was committed for trial by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant struck the complainant a blow in the mouth and run away with the money, but he failed to elude a district watchman.

MOTOR THEFTS.

The Chinese youth, who was remanded by Major C. Willson on a charge of stealing motor-car parts from a vehicle in Statue Square, was again in Court yesterday. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case. Major Willson fixed next Wednesday at noon, and allowed bail in the sum of \$100.

"SOLVIKEN" PIRACY.

Two Chinese appeared before Major C. Willson charged with possession of an ingot of gold identified as part of the loot taken by pirates from the s.s. *Solviken*.

According to the police the first defendant came down from the country and tried to dispose of the gold here. Failing to effect a sale, he enlisted the aid of the second defendant, and both men were arrested in a goldsmith's shop. Defendants were remanded in police custody for further investigation.

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Hong Kong, 2nd Dec., 1927. [5596]

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SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927.
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S.S. "SUI AN"—8 A.M.
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SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

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[5597]

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Rugby, JOHN McCUBBIN, late of
Hong Kong and China Gas Co.
By cable. [5596]

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CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
& TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

We publish in to-day's issue the
letter from the Hong Kong General
Chamber of Commerce to the
Chinese Chamber summing up the
private discussion, which recently
took place between representatives
of both bodies, on the subject of
improving trade in Hong Kong.
The letter shows that the discus-
sion did not lead to any tangible
result, but nevertheless we are glad
that it has been forwarded to us
for publication. We are naturally
all interested in trade improvement
and it is satisfactory to know that
the organized commercial associa-
tions in the Colony are alive to
the needs of the situation and are
willing to explore the possibilities
of bringing about a change for the
better. This particular conference
aroused a certain amount of criti-
cism, but that criticism was not
directed against the policy of hold-
ing the conference; far from it.
The criticism was directed solely
against the ill-conceived agenda
proposed for consideration. Our

Chinese friends seemed to think
that "cheaper money" would
prove the salvation of everything
and concentrated their attention
upon that one point. The spectacle
of presumably hard-headed business
men discussing this one, in the cir-
cumstances, unimportant, phase of
the problem, and subsequently
going cap in hand to the banks to
plead for greater facilities in bor-
rowing, struck us as ludicrous, and
in the words of the song which,
years ago, Miss CONNIE EDISS made
so popular "We thought it our
duty to say so."

The representatives of the Chi-
nese Chamber of Commerce, how-
ever, would not acknowledge the
futility of their procedure. They
did not seem to realise that there
were plenty of banks in the Colony,
all private institutions ready, and
eager to do as much business as
possible on a remunerative basis
and that competition alone would
be sufficient to prevent the main-
tenance of any arbitrary rates of
interest. They stuck to their guns,
bravely but foolishly, and asked
the British merchants to do what
they could to influence the banks
in the manner suggested. Why it
was thought that British merchants
could bring greater pressure to
bear on banking institutions than
Chinese merchants is difficult to
determine, but that by the way.
The answer to the request was on
the lines which any sensible person
might have expected.

The Committee of this Cham-
ber (the General Chamber of
Commerce) are diffident of ap-
proaching the banks... being
convinced that the banks need no
advice in the sense of doing all
they can to encourage trade, and
being conscious also that it is
outside the province of the Cham-
ber to suggest to bankers the
lines on which they should deal
with their constituents—a matter
in which they must act in ac-
cordance with their own judgment,
having in view the interests of
their shareholders and depositors.

There is no need to pursue this
question further. We turn much
more gladly to the concluding
paragraph of the letter.

"The delegates of this Cham-
ber (the General Chamber) ex-
press... their high appreciation
of the interesting discussion which
took place and the hope that it
will be the forerunner of many
others in furtherance of our com-
mon interests."

That is the spirit to be commended.
The first conference was a
failure, as it was bound to be,
because it set out to tackle an
intricate business problem in a
peculiarly unbusiness-like, almost
childish, way, but that is no reason
why further conferences should
share the same fate, and we trust
they will be held. There are all
manner of questions cropping up,
practical questions, which co-opera-
tion between the European and
Chinese Chambers of Commerce,
properly established, might help to
solve. The effect of the high cost
of labour on trade, to which pass-
ing reference was made at the first
meeting, is a case in point. The
steadily increasing cost of food is
a matter which the Sanitary Board
are now investigating. The prob-
lems are co-related and the public
might reasonably expect the asso-
ciated Chambers of Commerce to
endeavour to contribute towards
their solution. Individual traders
may be relied upon to look
after their individual affairs. The
Chambers, working together,
might we think possibly do more
than they now do towards helping
to lift obstacles which press heavily
upon business as a whole and
towards the removal of which the
individual can do but little.

There will be a sitting of the
Bankruptcy Court this morning.

A concert is being given at the
Diocesan Girls School this evening,
at nine o'clock.

The debate which had been tem-
porarily arranged for Monday night
at the St. Peter's Young Men's
Club has been cancelled.

A report made to the police by
the Sang Kee firm of contractors in
Kowloon states that \$200 worth of
teakwood has been stolen from a
matched.

A case of canine rabies was
reported from the New Territory
on Thursday. Two cases of dipht-
heria, one British and the other
Chinese were notified on Thursday.

The theft of money and jewellery
amounting to \$453.90 from a cabin
trunk in her room has been re-
ported to the police by Mrs. McCor-
dack, of Harbour View, Chatham
Road.

The body of a Chinese girl, found
on the rocks at Chungpaitao, is
believed to be that of one of the
passengers of the motor boat which
caught fire during a picnic trip at
Saikung last Sunday.

The opening dance of a series
arranged by St. Peter's Church
Young Men's Club is to be held at
Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restau-
rant on Tuesday evening next, be-
ginning at 8.30. The music will be
provided by the *Tiania Melodiana*.

In our report yesterday of the
small fire on the Peninsula which
took place on Thursday night, it
was inadvertently stated that it
was at No. 15, Krammer Street,
Mongkoktsui. It should have read
No. 115, Krammer Street, Taikok-
tsui.

The subject of the lecture to be
given by Mr. H. E. Lanepart at
the weekly public meeting of the
Hong Kong Lodge of the Theoso-
phical Society to-morrow (Sunday)
evening at Lane, Crawford's Restau-
rant, will be "The coming of
the World Teacher."

Only 135 inches of rain were
recorded at the Botanic Gardens
last month. Of this 91 inches fell
on the 19th and 23rd the following
day. There was a small shower on
the 26th and just a spattering on
the 22nd and 23rd. There was in
fact nothing to complain about.

In the course of a raid by
Sub-Inspector Chevalier on a house
in On Man Street, Shamshuipo, a
Chinese who is believed to have
jumped out through a window was
picked up suffering from serious
injuries and sent to the Kowloon
Hospital, where he died some hours
later.

The Hong Kong St. George's
Society Ball is to be held on Fri-
day, January 6th, and members are
requested to send in their applica-
tions for tickets for the Ball as
soon as possible to Mr. S. T. But-
lin, c/o Messrs. Lindest and
Davis, Englishmen wishing to join
the Society should apply to the
above named.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. McCUBBIN.

AN OLD RESIDENT OF
HONG KONG.

Many of his Hong Kong friends
will learn with regret of the pass-
ing away at home of Mr. John
McCubbin, late of the Hong Kong
and China Gas Company.

The news was received by cable
yesterday, the message stating that
Mr. McCubbin died at "Hillcrest,"
Hillmorton, Rugby, on December
1st (Thursday).

Mr. McCubbin came to Hong
Kong as long ago as 1900, and
remained here for 23 years, having
held during that period the posi-
tion of Resident Engineer with
the Hong Kong Gas Works. He was
known to a very large circle of
friends. He left in 1923, on retire-
ment.

He served his apprenticeship at
Greenock, of which place he was a
native, and prior to coming to
Hong Kong he was manager of the
Gas Works at Chorley, Lancashire.
He was an active member of the
Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society,
in which he had held office.

Mr. McCubbin was also a Free-
mason.

As an old member and President
of the Institute of Engineers and
Shipbuilders he was perhaps best
known amongst the engineering and
shipping fraternity. He was a
member of the Institution for 22
years, a member of the Committee
from 1904 to 1923 and President
from 1912-1914.

On the occasion of his retirement
from the Colony, Mr. McCubbin
was presented with an address by
the President, Committee and mem-
bers of the Institution, placing on
record the respect and esteem in
which he was held and bearing
tribute to the enduring impression
of his personality and deep interest
in the Institution. This presenta-
tion was made by Mr. S. Baker.

When Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin
arrived home they settled down
near Rugby. He leaves a widow
and two children, one a son, being
at home, the other, a married
daughter, being the wife of Mr.
James Stewart, of Taikoo. For
these much sympathy will be felt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CRICKET CRITICISM.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—Perhaps you will kindly
allow me to say that on reading R.
Abbit's spirited and admirably
written defence of cricket criticism,
particularly when it relates to inter-
port matches, that I most heartily
endorse his views. It surely is
"cricket" for a writer, especially
one of R. Abbit's obvious sincerity,
to say nothing of his marked ability,
to deal with his subject, to express
his honest opinion regarding play
and players.

Like myself, many readers of your
paper have probably little leisure
to witness interport matches, and to
such therefore, the obviously un-
biased views of such a writer as
R. Abbit are exceedingly welcome.
They compensate considerably for
our misfortune in not seeing the
matches.

If all criticism is as impartially
expressed as is that R. Abbit's,
then it can do no harm to the
criticised.

To contend that it isn't cricket
to criticise a cricketer while he is
engaged in a match seems to me
merely funny—but then, of course,
funny remarks are frequently ex-
pressed in after-dinner speeches;
and they are none the less funny
even when they are intended to be
serious.—Yours, etc.,

ELECTRIC HARE.

Hong Kong, December 2nd.

ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.

MAN AND WIFE FIGHT
INTRUDERS.

An attempt at robbery was fru-
strated at Yaumati last night, the
inmates of the premises involved
putting up a stout resistance and
raising an alarm.

At about 9 o'clock three men
entered a rice shop on the ground
floor of No. 68, Battery Street, and
attempted to effect a robbery. The
master of the shop, however,
struggled with one of the men, and
his wife did her share by shouting
"Robbers" and generally raising
an alarm.

Taking fright at this unexpected
resistance the three men hurriedly
decamped without stealing any-
thing. Apparently one of the men,
at least, was armed, for after their
departure a dagger was found lying
on the floor of the shop.

WEATHER REPORT.

FRESH AND FINE.

The Observatory's weather report
forecast and remarks, issued yester-
day evening at 6.20 p.m. states
that the anti-cyclone over China
has strengthened slightly.

Fresh monsoon may be expected
along the S.E. Coast of China and
over the China Sea.
Forecast:—N.E. Winds, fresh to
moderate, fine.

TWEEDLEDEE TO TWEEDLEDAM.

Dear Tweedledam,—The "leather"
Runs neck and neck with heather
This week, and even batmen lose their charm,
When Wes laces come together
And Big Jocks laugh and blather,
And tartans show the strength of brawny—arm!

The Sassenach's not in it
When every bonny minute
Is redolent with fumes of golden—health!
When (thus the poet's fable)
There's yae Mac on the table,
And, likely, mon, another underneath!

Perhaps this gives the reason
Why, at each braw Scots' season
A guid braid tongue is sought by all and each,
Yet, other days, what danger
Assails the Southron stranger
Who dares to know a Scotchman "by his speech!"

Oh, by the way, there's worrying
Of Mighty Brains, and hurrying
About the latest Q.E.D., I've heard;
Just how much elevation,
Id est, inebriation,
Produces one five-lettered cryptic word.

A seer long since describing
The glories of imbibing
Fair Wisdom's nectar (or the other sort),
Decreed that word might only
Be used when spirits lonely
The gaudy pavement grasped for sweet support!

To change the theme, how needful
It is to make us heedful
Of dire distress and want both near and far!
So, having no poor near us,
'Twill ease our wealth and cheer us
To buy that secretarial motor-car!

Well, Tweedledam! They tell us
That house-boys' tricks compel us
To quiver when our comrades we see;
But, what with balls and heather
And potions for the weather,
I wonder!—Thine to cinders,

TWEEDLEDEE.

RETURN OF H.E. THE
GOVERNOR.ARRIVES YESTERDAY
EVENING.GREETINGS AT QUEEN'S
PIER.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir
Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), accom-
panied by Lady Clementi and child-
ren, returned to the Colony last
evening, after their visit to Japan
and North China.

His Excellency arrived by the
N.Y.K. *Fushimi Maru*, which went
to a buoy just off Queen's Pier
shortly after 7 p.m.

Immediately the *Fushimi Maru*
had made fast, the launch *Victoria*
left Queen's Pier to convey His
Excellency and Lady Clementi
ashore.

Among those who were on the
Victoria to meet His Excellency
were the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,
C.M.G., who has been carrying out
the duties of Officer Administering
the Government, during the ab-
sence of H.E. the Governor, Mrs.
Southern, Capt. Whyte (A.D.C.),
Capt. B. R. Forster (Private Sec-
retary), Commander G. F. Hole,
R.N. (Harbour Master), and Mr.
J. F. Brennan (British Consul at
Canton, who came down to Hong
Kong on business and returned to
Canton last night).

On Queen's Pier, there was a
representative gathering of Govern-
ment officials, members of the
Council, and prominent members
of the Chinese community assem-
bled to greet His Excellency and
Lady Clementi, who, on stepping
ashore, shook hands with all, and
then left in motor cars, accom-
panied by the Hon. Mr. and Mrs.
Southern, Capt. Whyte and Capt.
Forster for Government House.

Among those on the Pier were:
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax
(Colonial Secretary), H.E. Major-
General C. C. Luard (General
Officer Commanding the Forces,
South China Command), and Lieut.
R. Q. F. Johnston (A.D.C.), Com-
modore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Sir
Henry Gollan (Chief Justice), His
Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood
(Puisne Judge), the Hon. Sir
Joseph Kemp, K.C. (Attorney-
General), Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr.
R. C. Tredwell (Consul-General for
the United States in Hong Kong),
Mr. D. W. Trautman, the Hon. Mr.
R. A. C. North (S.C.A.), the Hon.
C. C. McL. Messer (Colonial
Treasurer), Mr. G. R. Sayer, Dr.
E. P. Minnie, the Hon. Sir Shou
Soo Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H.
Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Li Yau
Tsun, and several other Chinese
gentlemen.

When His Excellency and Lady
Clementi drove away to Govern-
ment House, their cars were
escorted by traffic department
officers on motor-cycles.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,
C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern will
leave Hong Kong on holiday by the
"Empress" liner next week, and
will spend Christmas in Van-
couver.

SOUTHERN ARMY DIVISION ALMOST ANNIHILATED.**RIVALRY AMONG GENERALS HAVING DISASTROUS EFFECTS.****CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S ARMY PUSHING BACK SHANTUNG TROOPS****MR. SUN FO JOINS KUOMINTANG LEADERS AT SHANGHAI.****SHANGHAI STRIKERS STILL TROUBLESOME.****GENERAL LI LIEH CHUN OPTIMISTIC AS TO THE KUOMINTANG.**

The continued rivalry between several of the Southern Generals has disastrous effects recently when, owing to lack of co-operation, Sun Chuan Fang's troops surrounded a Southern division and practically wiped it out.

Li Lieh Chun, the veteran Kuomintang General, who is at present the military head of Nanking, has been speaking in optimistic terms regarding the Kuomintang's prospects. According to General Li, the only discordant element is that recently effected by the coup at Canton.

The Christian General reports that his Army is "pushing back" the Shantung troops on the eastern Honan border.

RIVAL GENERALS.**BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN CHINA.****STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, December 1st.

In the House of Lords, the casualties of the British Expeditionary Force in China were stated by Lord Onslow to be as follows:

In the Army 7 dead and 33 injured owing to accidents or disease, and 3 dead and 13 injured owing to wounds.

In the Air Force 4 dead and 3 injured by accidents.

In the Navy there have been no casualties in action.

SHANGHAI'S STRIKES.**TRAMWAY'S RESTRICTED SERVICE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2nd.

There is a restricted service of 13 trams out of a normal 185 running to-day. Each tram driver is guarded by two Chinese police. No railless trams are running.

CHINA, JAPAN AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.**(Wah Tsai Yai Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2nd.

Mr. Wang Ching Chen has telegraphed to Peking from America that the Japanese delegation to the International Radio Conference have signed the International Radio Pact. They had thus placed radio construction rights in Dairen and Port Arthur under their signature.

Mr. Wang proposed that the matter must be taken up seriously with the Japanese Government.

A telegram from Kaileng states that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang proceeded to Kwitche on the 29th ult. to inspect the front. Troops under General Han Fu Chu, Marshal Feng's subordinate, claim to have pushed back Shantung troops at Tsangshan, on the eastern Honan border.

Mr. Sun Fo, accompanied by others, arrived at Shanghai to-day from Nanking for the purpose of attending the coming preliminary meeting of the 4th Kuomintang Conference, leaving General Li Lieh Chun to take charge of political affairs and General Bei Chung Hsi to dictate military affairs for the Nanking Government at Nanking.

A report from Peking says that severe fighting is taking place on the Changting-Taiyuen Railway. The Fengtienese now concentrating at Shichiaochuang.

THE BOYCOTT AT HANKOW.**[NAVAL WIRELESS.]**

HANKOW, Dec. 1st.

The boycott of lighter coolies has terminated, and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has expressed his regret.

It is reported that Chen Chien and Li Tung Jen have left Hankow to attend a conference at Shanghai.

THE "INVULNERABLE" ARMY.**[NAVAL WIRELESS.]**

WANCHIE, Dec. 1st.

A new force called the "Invulnerable Army," composed of peasant soldiers, organised against the Military, has arisen.

HOSTILITY TOWARDS NANKING.**[NAVAL WIRELESS.]**

KIUKIANG, Dec. 1st.

Transporters have passed up river with some 4,000 troops. Posters hostile to Nanking have appeared.

B. & S. "SIANG TAN" ATTACKED BY BANDITS.**CHIEF ENGINEER, QUARTERMASTER AND COMPRA-DORE KILLED.****RANSOM OF \$100,000 DEMANDED FOR CAPTAIN.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2nd.

A telegram from Ichang states that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's *Siang Tan*, while anchored 15 miles below Ichang owing to engine trouble, has been attacked by bandits.

The chief engineer, quartermaster and compardore have been killed. Captain Lalor, who distinguished himself when commander of the *Wentus* at Wanchien in September, 1924, has been carried off for ransom. \$100,000 being demanded for his release.

THE OFFICIAL VERSION: The official version of the piracy, as given in a Naval Wireless message dated Hankow, December 1st, states:

"The *Siang Tan* (British flag), owned by the China Navigation Company (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), 1,193 tons gross, and 729 tons net, was pirated at about 10 p.m. on November 30th, by 30 armed bandits when anchored about 17 miles below Ichang."

"The bandits came from the left bank in sampans."

"The Captain was taken for ransom, and it is believed that two or three of the ship's company were killed in the attack."

"Endeavour is being made by H.M. ships in the neighbourhood to locate the Captain."

"General Yang Sen has also promised to arrange for an attack on the bandits."

The *Siang Tan* was on her way to Ichang from the Middle Yangtze."

UNITED STATES TRADE REPORT.**SOME AGRICULTURE DEPRESSION.****HUGE FAVOURABLE TRADE BALANCE.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, December 1st.

Mr. Hoover, the Secretary for Commerce, in his annual report, states that the fiscal year, which ended on July 1st, exceeded all records in the volume of production and consumption and in the quantity of exports and imports. There was very little unemployment and wages were higher than in any other part of the world at any period in its history.

The position of the coal and textile industries was not so satisfactory, while the relatively low price of cotton was causing difficulty to the farmers of the South and there was some agricultural depression in the Middle West.

Since the end of the fiscal year, however, there had been improvement in both these sections. The manufacturing output was appreciably above even the extremely high level of the previous year.

The Banking record was one of sound uneventful growth, and foreign underwriting by American was greater than in any corresponding period in the history of the United States.

The favourable trade balance (excess of exports over imports), was 716 million dollars, which was far in advance of the figure of the previous year.

"BIG BILL" THOMPSON ATTACKED.**NO EARS, NO MONEY.****THE ORIGIN OF SCALPING.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

CHICAGO, December 1st.

"Big Bill" Thompson, Mayor of Chicago, was on the defensive to-day when a delegation of American Indians prevented a protest to him. They complained of the "Paleface Propaganda" against Indians in the text books passed by him.

The delegates pointed out that much was made of the frontier battles in which the whites suffered heavy losses, while the battles, wherein many Indians, including women and children, were massacred, were either toned down or ignored.

Scalping, the Indians continued, was not originally an Indian practice, but was learned from the early white settlers, who demanded proof of the death of their enemies. The canny Pilgrim Fathers paid bounties only for scalps with both ears attached.

"SALT INCIDENTS" AT WUHU SETTLED.**[NAVAL WIRELESS.]**

WUHU, Dec. 1st.

The salt incidents appear to have been satisfactorily settled, and cargo is now on the way to Hankow.

CABLES & WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.**CABLE COMPANIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED.****NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUSSBY, December 1st.

In view of the adverse effect on the receipts of the telegraphic Cable Companies resulting from the development of wireless telegraphy and notably of the beam system of linking up Britain and the Dominions, negotiations have been opened by the Cable Companies with the Government and the matter is to be fully investigated.

The importance of both systems in their different spheres is fully admitted and in the discussions proceeding it is recognised that owing to their secrecy and freedom from atmospheric interference, the cables have advantages in some respects over wireless from a strategic standpoint. The newspapers anticipate that a committee representative of the interests affected will review the whole question.

THE EASTERN ASSOCIATED TELEGRAPH COMPANIES TO STATE THAT THE POSITION REGARDING RADIO CABLES SYSTEM IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANIES.

THE NEW CROYDON AIR STATION, which has been built at a cost of over £250,000, is nearing completion and will be opened this month.

The feature of the station is the fifty feet control tower, from which with the aid of all the latest mechanical devices, officers will control the air traffic of the station.

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FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.**COMMENT IN "THE TIMES."****FRANCE AND ITALY "OUT OF STEP."****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUSSBY, Dec. 2nd.

Franco-Italian relations and the recent Franco-Yugo-Slavian and Italo-Albanian treaties are discussed in the *Times*. The newspaper considers that the "serious" and novel feature in the situation is that as the result of the diplomatic manoeuvres of the last few weeks a defensive alliance in which France plays a leading part is now opposed in the European perspective to another defensive alliance in which the chief part is played by Italy.

The whole proceeding suggests that somehow two great nations have suddenly fallen out of step in the slow process of European construction.

The *Times* characterises the position reached as the result of a series of trivial incidents so as to be simply absurd but that the risks are so large as to suggest an immediate remedy. The attitude of the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister in keeping aloof from the extremist element is approved by the *Times* and M. Briand is described as putting the whole question in a new perspective through his invitation to Mussolini to come to a frank understanding on Franco-Italian differences and his suggestion of a meeting to clear up misunderstandings.

The newspaper adds that this statesmanlike proposal is calculated to appeal to the most generous instincts of Mussolini, who absorbed, as he has been of late, in the immense task of internal reconstruction, may welcome this opportunity of making a fresh contribution to the general well-being of Europe.

It cannot be forgotten that he is a signatory of the League of Nations Treaty. The present apparent antagonism may be turned to great profit if it is used as a heaven-sent occasion for carrying through such a thorough and far-reaching agreement between France and Italy as shall reduce all recent unpleasant episodes to oblivion.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

PROSPECTS OF THE CLUBS.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for division to-day:

Division I: Kick-off 4 p.m.
Club de Recreo v. K.O.S.B. at King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Hong Kong F.C. v. Hong Kong Police H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.

R.A. v. Queen's Regiment, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

Scots Guards v. R.A.F., Chatham Road ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Division II: "B": Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. R.A. Reserves, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

Kowloon Res. v. K.O.S.B.'s Res., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilmore.

South China "A" v. Club de Recreo Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

China Athletic Res. v. H.K.F.C. Res., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Presley.

University v. South China "B", St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Pipe-Major Mackie.

Division III: "A": Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
South China "A" v. South China "B", Chatham Road ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Boy Scouts v. Kowloon "B", South China ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

Kick-off 4 p.m.
Moslem Club v. St. Joseph's Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sgt. Brown.

China Athletic v. Kung Woo, South China ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

Kick-off Times.

Secretaries of Clubs should note the alteration in the times of kick-off to-day. The H.K.V.D.C. are in camp this week-end and in some of the games the play will be affected owing to the players being away.

To-day's Prospects.

At King's Park, the game between the Club de Recreo and the K.O.S.B.'s should be worth watching. Although the K.O.S.B.'s have not done anything great this season, it would not come as a surprise should they beat the Recreo on their own ground. The K.O.S.B.'s have a good finish and with their share of luck, should return successful.

A good game should be seen on the H.K.F.C. ground where the Club and Police are in opposition. These teams are always a good draw for they play a keen game and there is little in it when the final whistle sounds. The Police open favourites.

The game between the Military teams at Sookunpo should be very even. The Queen's have had a bad fortnight, owing to the Athletic and the Guards. They will probably come back to-day and take the points at the expense of the R.A.

The game of the week in the senior division is that on the Chatham Road ground between the Services. The Guards are going strong, while the R.A.F. show improvement with every match. A tussle for points should be seen and the result in doubt until the last.

The 1st Division match on the Kowloon F.C. ground between Kowloon and the China Athletic has been postponed.

Junior Games.

In the junior games, the Athletic and H.K.F.C. meet on the Club ground. It will be unusual to see a small Chinese crowd when the Athletic are playing, but it is understood that the first team are taking the crowd with them over to Kowloon. The game should end in favour of the Athletic.

K.O.S.B.'s Reserves are out on the Railway ground against the Kowloon juniors and a win for the visitors is more or less assured.

The R.A. should turn the tables on St. Joseph's at Sookunpo for they went down to the College team early in the season.

The Club de Recreo Reserves will meet South China "A" at King's Park and the home team should win.

The University failed to field a full side last week and went down by four goals to nil. South China "B" should beat them to-day.

In the "B" division, the teams that tied for the championship last season are due on the St. Joseph's ground. The College team went down by five goals to two against the Athletic last week. The game should be keenly contested and St. Joseph's should just get home.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

THE COMPLETE FIXTURES.

There will be a full programme in the English Football League and Scottish Football League (Division I.) to-day, for with the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup completed, the clubs in the Southern and Northern Sections of Division III. will again be engaged in League football.

The fixtures list, as shown in the official handbook, is as under:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham v. Leicester C. Blackburn R. v. Sunderland. Cardiff City v. Aston Villa. Everton v. Sheffield United. Huddersfield T. v. Arsenal. Manchester United v. Burnley. Middlesbrough v. Portsmouth. Newcastle U. v. Liverpool. The Wednesday v. W. Ham U. Tottenham H. v. Burnley.

Division II.

Blackpool v. Port Vale. Bristol City v. Manchester City. Chelsea v. South Shields. Clapton Orient v. Leeds U. Grimsby Town v. Barnsley. Notts County v. Swansea T. Oldham Athletic v. Fulham. Reading v. Whampton W. Southampton v. Preston N.E. Stoke City v. Hull City. W. Brom A. v. Nottingham F.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford v. Plymouth A. B. South v. Bristol R. Brighton v. A. A. Charlton A. Crystal P. v. Gillingham. Exeter City v. Coventry City. Luton Town v. Merthyr T. Millwall v. Walsall. Northampton v. Queen's P.R. Norwich C. v. Swindon T. Southend United v. Watford. Torquay U. v. Newport C.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow v. Darlington. Bradford v. Accrington S. Chesterfield v. Hartlepool U. Durham C. v. New Brighton. Nelson v. Ashington. Rochdale v. Crewe A. Rotherham U. v. Halifax T. Southampton v. Bradford City. Stockport C. v. Doncaster R. Tranmere R. v. Wigan Boro. Wrexham v. Lincoln City.

Scottish League: Division I.

Aberdeen v. Airdrieonians. Celtic v. Motherwell. Cowdenbeath v. St. Johnstone. Dundee v. Clyde. Falkirk v. Dunfermline A. Hamilton A. v. Rangers. Hearts v. Bo'ness. Kilmarnock v. Hibernians. Queen's Park v. Raith R. Partick T. v. St. Mirren.

THE F.A. CUP.

TWO MORE REPLAYS.

FIRST ROUND NOW COMPLETED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON December 1st.

The last two replays in the First Round Proper of the Football Association Cup have now taken place. The results were:

Norwich City 5, Poole 0.

Rotherham U. 4, Spennymoor 2.

The Second Round.

The draw for the second round, to be played on Saturday, December 12th, is now complete and reads as under:

Gainsborough v. Lincoln C. Bradford C. v. Rotherham U. Bradford v. Southport.

Crewe v. Stockport.

Wrexham v. Carlisle.

Darlington v. Rochdale.

Tranmere R. v. Halifax T.

New Brighton v. Rhy.

Bournemouth v. Bristol R.

Gillingham v. Southend U.

Luton T. v. Norwich C.

Charlton A. v. Kettering.

Swindon T. v. Crystal Pal.

Peterborough and Fletton v. Aldershot T.

Northampton T. v. Brighton.

Exeter C. v. Wford.

London Caledonians v. Bath C.

The game between the South China teams should end in favour of the "B" team.

The Boy Scouts should manage to take full points from Kowloon "B", while the Athletic should win against Kung Woo.

Two Players Suspended.

The Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association met to enquire into cases of misconduct and the following players were dealt with:

Arlett (R.A.F.).—For kicking an opponent, suspended from October 10th to December 8th.

Spalding (K.O.S.B.).—For striking an opponent, suspended for three months from December 1st.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following is the list of matches for to-day:

League: Division I.

Craigengower v. Royal Navy.

Chinese R.C. v. Royal Artillery.

Division II.

R.A.O.C. v. Royal Engineers.

Recreio v. Royal Navy.

Police R.C. v. Civil Service.

Friendly.

Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.

Civil Service v. R.A.F.

Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

H.K. Electric R.C. v. China Light.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE.

PROSPECTS FOR TO-DAY'S MEETING.

[BY RAPID.]

The course is in excellent condition and all arrangements have been made by the officials for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Special trains are being run by the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the usual facilities for transport to and from Fanling Station to the course have been provided. The Hunters' Arms will be the scene of a cheery tiffin party and Mr. W. Stanton is also entertaining a large crowd at his Fanling Bungalow.

The entries are good and the ponies are much above the average, many of them being well known race ponies which have been schooled over the jumps by their owners.

The following animals are quite fit and familiar to all racing fans and I therefore leave the latter to pick their own fancies as I have no idea in which races the different ponies are going.

Warrington, Scooter, San Diego, Mico Beauty, Loch Rannoch, Longway, Easter Day, Deerbond, Cheriton Vale, Humdingar, More Better, Mowgli, Yorks, Bill Brewer, Taree, Race Horse and Craigavad.

More Better seems a good thing for the second race and Easter Day and Warrington might pick up a race.

There are 17 entries for the first race, 10 for the second, 17 for the third, 16 for the fourth and 20 for the concluding event.

The riders will be Messrs. Reidy, Stanton, Bullock, Pollock, Usher, Skrine, Bullock, Corbett and Abbott. An unusually fine bunch of steeplechasers.

Being the opening Steeplechase Meeting if time permits it would be rather nice to let the public view the hounds.

The cash sweeps and pari-mutuel will be operating but there will be no bookies. They will not be very much missed as the odds they offered were not usually as favourable as the pari.

The Hunt.

The following programme has been arranged for this month and the New Year holidays:

DECEMBER.

Sunday 4th:—

Meet at Kennels, 10 a.m.

Wednesday 7th:—

Meet at Hunters' Arms, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday 10th:—

Hare and Hounds: Meet at Mr. Peter Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday 11th:—

Meet at Mrs. Hartford's Bungalow, 10 a.m.

Wednesday 14th:—

Meet at Hunters' Arms, 6.30 a.m.

Saturday 17th:—

Meet at Sheungshui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday 18th:—

Drag-Hunt: Meet at Lok Ma Chau, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday 21st:—

Meet at Hunters' Arms, 2.45 p.m.

Saturday 24th:—

Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwanai.

Sunday, Xmas Day.

Monday, 26th:—

Boxing Day Paper-Hunt, December Cup, 11 a.m. Meet to be announced.

Tuesday, 27th:—

Meet at Sheungshui Police Station, 10 a.m.

Saturday, 31st.

JANUARY.

Sunday, N.Y. Day:—

Drag-Hunt: Meet at Mrs. Dunbar's Bungalow, 10 a.m.

Monday, 2nd:—

Point-to-Point: (Light Weight and Heavy Weight). Meet to be announced.

KOWLOON F.C. 1st XI v. CHINA ATHLETIC.

To-day, on the Kowloon Football Club ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Kowloon F.C.—Angus, Doddson and Jones; Hedley, Sims and Baldwin; Pile, May, Northey, Miles and Eastman.

KOWLOON F.C. RESERVES v. K.O.S.B.'S RESERVES.

To-day, on the Kowloon Football Club ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves—Wood; Bliss and Pascoe; Nicholls, Skinner and Dunnett; Reed, Clark, Spary, Costes and Muir. Reserve: Roberts.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.25 n.m. Capt. I. D. Erskine and A. S. Robertson.

9.30 T. D. L. Pendered and L. R. Andrews.

9.35 G. Murray and W. Ironside.

9.40 L. G. S. Dodwell and Lt.-Comdr. Brown.

9.45 Capt. H. Bloxham and H. M. Smith.

9.50 C. C. Stark and A. E. Lissaman.

10.00 H. G. Sheldon and T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.04 E. Davidson and E. R. Hallifax.

10.08 Grayburn and Hegarty and Lynch and Stevenson.

10.12 D. L. McWhister and N. K. Littlejohn.

10.16 D. M. Goodall and A. H. Cox.

10.20 H. Graves and J. Fleming.

10.24 F. A. Perry and A. P. Bungey.

10.28 B. P. McMahon and F. G. Fowie.

10.32 R. P. Moodie and J. H. Raikes.

10.36 H. Spicer and J. Thayer.

10.40 W. K. Tait and J. Cameron.

10.44 R. A. Green and H. A. Mills.

10.48 C. B. Robertson and A. O. Brown.

10.52 H. M. Muir and J. F. Kennedy.

10.56 W. C. Clark and T. Low.

11.00 A. C. L. Bowker and M. Murray.

11.04 C. B. Brown and S. T. Butler.

11.08 A. Humphreys and A. K. Henderson.

11.12 N. L. Procter and T. A. Martin.

11.16 A. Leach and A. Somerville.

11.20 J. Smith and T. C. Monaghan.

11.24 H. R. Sturt and A. J. Frank.

11.28 W. A. Butterfield and J. W. Platt.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Captain's Cup competition takes place at Fanling this week-end, and to-morrow the first and second rounds of the Golf Championship will be played. The draw for this has already been published, and starting times are given above.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held about the 20th of this month, and before that the annual report and accounts will have been issued to members. The financial position is excellent.

At the annual meeting details will be given of the proposal that the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club should have its own office in York Building.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

WARDERS WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Steel and Coulson Billiards League competition has now been completed. The Warders and St. Patrick's Club finished with equal points, but in a deciding match played between the two at the Dockyard Recreo Club this week, the Warders won by 24 points.

The good spirit of the League was mentioned during the evening, and it was pointed out that the matches had given Clubs and Messes an opportunity of meeting each other. The standard of billiards had been very high, the outstanding individual player being Mr. Jones of the Dockyard Recreation Club.

Prizes were distributed, the captain of the Warders' team receiving the Challenge Cup and each member a souvenir in the form of a miniature silver cue and rest crossed with three balls under the arch, and mounted on a silver base with a blackwood stand.

Mr. Jones, of the D.R.C., received a cue and case for the biggest break, 82 unfinished. He was also awarded the prize for the biggest win 100-4 (a hamper containing eight bottles of various wines and spirits).

Apart from the Cup, which was presented by Messrs. Steel and Coulson & Co., all other prizes were given by Mr. Ruttonjee.

THE INTERPORT SHOOT.

SINGAPORE TO FIRE NEXT WEEK.

A Singapore Free Press to hand states that the final practice for the Interport Rifle Shoot is to take place to-morrow (Sunday) and that it has definitely been decided to fire in the actual shoot on Farrer Range on Sunday, December 11th, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

Hong Kong have scored 949, and Shanghai 945.

YACHTING.

TO-MORROW'S INTERNATIONAL RACE.

SAILING AND BOWLS TEAMS.

There is a full programme at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club this week-end, and the most interesting events are to-morrow (Sunday) when the annual sailing match between the members of the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies takes place.

Teams of six aside have been selected, and the match will be sailed in boats of the Heyward Hays, Gao and One Design Classes.

The preparatory gun for the morning race will be fired at 10.55, and the starting gun at 11 o'clock, while in the afternoon the race will start at 2.30.

In the afternoon boats will be exchanged by the teams.

The Chairman of the St. Andrew's Society and the President of the St. George's Society are leading their respective sides.

The course in the morning will be: Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark on Club Line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). Distance: 3.5 miles.

The afternoon course will be: Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Channel Rocks (S), Cust Rock Buoy (P). Distance: 6.1 miles.

The Teams.

The teams will be as under:—St. George's Society:—Mr. C. G. Alabaster (President), Mr. F. G. Vaux, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. C. L. Edwards and Mr. H. S. House.

St. Andrew's Society:—Mr. D. Templeton (Chairman), Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. R. J. Scott-Eliot (2nd K.O.S.B.) and Dr. F. Nicholson.

Apart from the sailing race there will also be a bowling match between members of the Societies. Three racks will be played on, and the match will start at 2.45 p.m., but there will be a practice match in the morning at 11.30.

The teams will be as under:—St. George's Society:—Captain Whyte, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell and Mr. E. W. Carpenter (skip).

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To-day's Race.
To-day the 4th Championship race for the racing yachts will be sailed the course being:—Lyemum Beacon (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Mark in Quarry Bay (P), Channel Rocks



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RUTH ELDER'S OWN STORY.

I WAS NOT AFRAID: I NEVER FELT CALMER.

WHEN THE AEROPLANE'S ENGINE BEGAN TO FAIL.

GREAT BATTLE WITH A STORM.

[By RUTH ELDER.]

My wonderful dream had come true!

I was on my way in the most thrilling adventure of my life!

George (Captain Haldeman) and I took off from the inclined runway used by Charles Lindbergh, Chamberlain, and Commander Byrd, and once we had the load in the air, we had only one thought in mind—to hold a true course until our landing.

As the plane rose our hearts rose also with hilarious joy at being off on our great adventure after months of planning and weeks of waiting for good weather.

Away we headed due east. The sun went down and as the moon rose it was a beautiful sight as we headed directly into its path.

At 9 o'clock George (Captain Haldeman) went to the rear of the plane to empty some of the five-gallon petrol tins into the main tank in order that the plane would not be tail-heavy.

[Miss Ruth Elder shared the controls with Captain George Haldeman on their dramatic flight. In the following paragraph Miss Elder discloses this for the first time.]

After he had poured fifteen gallons into the main tank I found it necessary to call George to the controls, realising that it was impossible for a girl of 117 pounds to hold such a heavily loaded plane very long.

We were both in very high spirits; with the marvellous moonlight and the smooth running of the motor everything was seemingly in our favour.

During the next few hours we took turns at the controls in order that neither of us should tire too quickly. At 3 a.m. on Wednesday George went to the rear and emptied the remaining petrol tins into the main tanks, throwing all the empties overboard.

Oil!

Knowing that one-third of our flight was completed, we settled ourselves down and addressed ourselves to the business of following our true course for the next twelve hours of daylight.

Everything had been lovely up to this point, but we began to be concerned over the heavy use of our petrol.

Then suddenly I noticed something that gave me my first serious concern. Oil began to show on the plane where there should not have been any, and I wondered what might be wrong.

I called George Haldeman's attention to the exceptional amount of oil on the right-hand wing struts and also underneath the wing on my side of the machine. He showed very little concern, but began to look things over very carefully.

Anxiety.

Nevertheless, there was something about his manner that betrayed anxiety, and I became quite conscious of the fact that he was trying to behave so that I might not become concerned.

I asked him again about the excessive amount of oil, but he assured me that it was old oil which had been thrown off earlier in the flight.

I felt relieved for the moment, and hoped it was as he said.

For two hours before sundown we had been climbing very steadily and had reached an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet. We both tried to be as cheerful as possible, and talked about everything except oil.

"Bluff."

But some force drew my eyes to the oil splashes every once in a while, and I could see that they were getting heavier.

I could see also that George saw they were getting heavier. All our cheerfulness was bluff on both sides.

Up to this time, neither of us had eaten anything, nor had we wanted anything. Then—I presume for the purpose of taking my mind off oil, because, after all, I suppose George thought a girl's nerves could not be trusted if she knew there was trouble—George suggested I should serve some sandwiches and beef broth, and then take a nap.

Both felt that we would have the hardest part of the flight during the night, which would soon come, and we both wanted to be alert.

I untied one package of sandwiches, served George with a small amount of beef broth and a drink of coffee, and then went forward to the wheel. George unwrapped a cheese sandwich and I chose a chicken sandwich. I took one bite—all I cared for—and noticed that George, making a wry face, had thrown three-quarters of his sandwich overboard.

As we went into the night we were enclosed in our little compartment on the faithful "American Girl," perched up there in the skies at an altitude of 10,000 ft. battling the elements.

We worked up the speed of the engine, and began climbing steadily. The sky was a study. Back of us we were leaving the twilight, with dim grey suggestions of colour. We were leaving a stretch of sky and ocean that had been kindly to us.

Ahead was a dark, dismal, stormy sky, with regular flashes of terrific lightning that came streaking down from the higher altitude, and we knew that ahead lay trouble.

I don't know what George's thoughts were as he looked ahead, and I don't know that I could tell exactly what mine were, except that the principal thought in my mind was that we were riding headlong into black trouble.

No one could write of the happenings of the next few hours and convey a complete word-picture of all our actual experiences. For twelve hours preceding the approach to the storm area George had been smiling most of the time, and under all conditions had carried a happy expression, but now it was different. There was a set, determined look on his face. The corners of his mouth were down and the lips were thin. There was no fear on his face, but the battle look was there.

Rain.

For another hour we flew on steadily, always climbing slowly but surely, and at the end of this hour we were 2,000 ft. more away from the sea, and the instrument showed an altitude of 9,500 ft. The sky and clouds, which had been just a dull, deadly grey, were growing increasingly darker.

There was just one reassuring thing to us as we were up there in the cold majesty of the skies, and that was the steady purr of the engine ahead of us—the motor that was pulling us to Paris. It seemed almost human.

And then it began to rain. It rained frightfully, and with the rain the thermometer on the wing-strut, which George looked at calmly yet anxiously every so often, was dropping. Glancing over his shoulder, I saw that it read 28 deg.

The Terrors Of A Storm 10,000 Feet Up.

It was now about 7.30 on Wednesday evening, and I realised that there must be some danger with the thermometer so low. I knew I was right about this, because I suddenly became conscious of the fact that ice was forming on the windshield around the wing struts.

In a very few moments great gusts of wind seemed to overtake us, and the plane was being tossed about in the rough air. The sky was blacker than ever, and lightning flashed streaks through the blackness. George showed much concern about keeping the plane on its true course.

I noticed by the altimeter that we were now 10,500 ft. high and still climbing steadily up there towards more blackness and more lightning flashes. The sounds that smote our ears were the roar of the winds and the motor.

Courage.

The sound of the motor was very uneven at this time, and often George turned on the flashlight, looking only at the instruments. We were having a real battle.

I would not admit even to myself that I was petrified with terror at the dark, angry sky. After all, I am only a girl, and I could not let George know my feelings. George asked how I felt. Nevertheless, I did smile and reply, "Fine, George. We'll get through it."

His answer was, "You're courageous, old dear, when we cannot see outside, but don't worry; we'll be up where the moon is shining soon."

What a night it was! More blackness, more lightning flashes, and the wind screaming around the plane. George was no longer watching the earth indicator compass; instead he was looking at the altimeter and the aneroid.

George's face hardened again, and he was working frantically at the controls, as it was beyond my strength or ability to assist at this time.

I believe I must have asked him fifty times if everything was all right. Always his answer was the same snappy, "Everything O.K."

Get Your Life Suit!

George came to a decision suddenly.

He turned and in short, snappy tones he said: "Go back and put on a life suit, Ruth. We don't know what we will find beneath us. We're certainly getting nowhere up here."

I climbed over the petrol tank to put on my suit. As I did so I offered up a prayer that we would come to no disaster. I still had a strong conviction that we would be saved, and after the prayer it seemed stronger.

By this time the ice on the machine had carried us down from the high point of 10,500 feet to an altitude of only 7,000. We were clean out of the storm into wonderful moonlight once more. It seemed almost impossible that we had come out of such a hard battle alive.

Calm.

In a short time we were again at 9,000 feet, and instead of being tossed about as we had been for the past six and a half hours, everything was calm and serene, and the steady purr of the motor holding us high above the beautiful blanket of white clouds below made us very thankful.

And now our main concern was the fact that the oil pressure was continually dropping. We looked at the oil indicator again and found it had dropped 10 lb. more, down to 45 lb. pressure. This means we had lost 20 lb. pressure in the oil supply in a few hours.

I remarked to George how wonderful everything seemed, but he replied:—

"The old motor don't sound right, Ruth, and I don't think the gauge is lying; but never mind, we're through the worst of all now."

Then we settled down to fight the rest of our troubles. The dullness of the next few hours was terrible.

Weariness.

George appeared very weary, and I noticed that his head was drooping. He had been through so much in the past few hours that the reaction was terrible.

The battle we had had was undoubtedly having its effect. He was not holding the ship as evenly on its course as he might have done, and I, deciding I would help him keep awake, leaned over, pinched his side, and told him I was taking the controls.

After a bit he slapped me on the shoulder and asked if everything was all right, and I told him that I personally was all right, but pointed out that the oil pressure gauge had dropped to 35 pounds.

Then all the battles and dangers we had been through had their effect on me, and I fell asleep. I know this because at 3 a.m. George awakened me and asked me to take the controls while he made another petrol check.

He half turned to me and yelled at the top of his voice: "Get into your life suit immediately!"

As I reached for the suit again I asked him why, and in explanation he pointed to the oil gauge! It was wavering between 15 and 20 pounds pressure!

It was growing daylight when George called me back to the controls. The motor was getting worse, and we were gradually losing altitude.

We knew there was no chance to go on, and we had to take our chances with the sea.

No Hysterics.

I insisted that I take the controls while he put on his life suit, but he told me we were losing altitude too fast and that another change at the controls would cause us to lose still more. I knew there was no use arguing this point with him.

The next few moments are imprinted so deeply in my mind that nothing in my life will ever dim the memory of them. To know that we could expect the motor to stop at any moment caused me no alarm.

I was not afraid. Perhaps I was too weary. I know I never felt calmer in my life, for I still had a hunch we could come out safe, no matter what happened.

I again urged George to come back and put on his life suit while I took the controls.

A Steamer.

While we were arguing, I had the greatest thrill of the flight when I looked ahead and sighted a steamer. When I pointed it out to George he headed directly for it.

We circled around it and could see it was the *Barendrecht*. I wrote a note asking how far we were from land in the hope that we might be near enough to continue. The first message dropped down from the plane in a cardboard container, missed the ship, and I wrote another. This time the aim was better, and I was successful in hitting the deck with the message.

We continued circling with the pounding motor, and after we had circled the steamer twice more, we saw they had painted large white letters on the deck giving us our position and the number of miles to the land.

"South 40 degrees West Terceira Azores 380 miles."

The oil pressure had dropped to five pounds and we knew it would be foolish to attempt to continue. George flew low over the boat and throttled the motor and shouted: "We are going to land. Pick us up."

We were almost alongside the *Barendrecht* now, and were gliding very slowly. I saw George cut off the switches and pull the wheel well back. The plane seemed to come to a dead stop. I got a last-minute look at the ocean at close range, and we could see that the waves were rolling pretty well. The next instant we had splashed into the top of a big wave.

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Water began rushing around the controls, but everything was dry in my compartment. It seemed quiet, with the drone of the motor gone. Something was missing without the motor.

It was 10.05, and we had been in the air for 38 hours. George was laughing as he turned round and looked at me standing there as if waiting for something else to happen.

He said, "Well, here we are, Ruth. Suppose we get out and look around a bit."

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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 1st.	December 2nd.
Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C48—Ching Kee.	Cheongching, British str., 1,258 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on November 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Chipping, British str., 1,190 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dorry, German str., 378 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—Chan Yue Teng.
Glentara, British motor ship, 4,123 tons, Capt. L. Ing, from Shanghai, which port she left on Nov. 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Ho Sang, British str., 3,592 tons, Capt. W. F. Hook, from Calcutta and F.M.S., with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Kiao Maru, Japanese str., 2,518 tons, Capt. A. Saito, from Miike, which port she left on November 26th, with 4,701 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. B31—M.B.K.	Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,550 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with 356 tons of general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.
Neuchang, British str., 1,501 tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B48—B. & S.	Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. K. H. Histed, from Bangkok and Kohsiang, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B20—B. & S.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B31—B. & S.	Lingnam, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. E. Jones, from Penang and Singapore. The latter port she left on November 24th, with firewood and timber, lying at Stonecutters—Lee Fat S.S. Co.
Tonkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. E. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Messageries Maritimes.	Phuempun, British str., 1,068 tons, Capt. A. McInnes, from Hongkong and Hoihow, with 1,620 tons of coal, lying at Kowloon Bay—Wo Fat Shing.
	Hong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. N. Harrington, from Saigon, which port she left on November 25th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C18—Kwang Hang Hing.

CLEARANCES.

December 2nd.	December 3rd.
Chian Lee, for Weihaiwei.	Dorry, for Canton.
Fooking, for Canton.	Hai Ching, for Swatow.
Hua Tong, for Singapore.	Lingchow, for Canton.
Luanan Maru, for Swatow.	Raymond Poincare, for Pakhoi.
Shantung, for Canton.	Shiu Hing, for Macao.
Swatow, for Kwong Chow Wan.	Tanda, for Manila.
Tonkin, for Haiphong.	West Hoihow, for Koba.
Yei Jun Maru, for Tsingtau.	Yan On, for Kwong Chow Wan.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.	British-India and Apsara Line.
President Adams, to-day.	Garmula, Dec. 5th.
President Madison, to-morrow.	Tilawa, Dec. 12th.
President Pierce, Dec. 5th.	
Australian-Oriental Line.	Canadian Pacific Line.
Changteh, Dec. 9th.	Empress of Canada, Dec. 5th.
Taipei, Jan. 7th.	Empress of Russia, Dec. 8th.
Bank Line.	Dodwell & Co.
City of Peking, Dec. 24th.	Remo, Dec. 8th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.	Calulu, Dec. 13th.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 15th.	Corby Castle Jan. 1st.
Blue Funnel Line.	Fimiale, Jan. 5th.
Achilles, to-day.	East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Mannor, Dec. 8th.	Kina, to-morrow.
Cyclops, Dec. 7th.	Jan. 15th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 10th.	Australia, Feb. 22nd.
Antenor, Dec. 16th.	
Tydgren, Dec. 25th.	Eastern and Australian Lines.
Lion, Dec. 30th.	St. Albans, Dec. 5th.
Perseus, Jan. 1st.	Avatara, Jan. 2nd.
Myrmidon, Jan. 4th.	
Rhezen, Jan. 8th.	Glen Line.
Hector, Jan. 12th.	Gleniffer, Dec. 8th.
Patris, Jan. 17th.	Glenhope, Dec. 22nd.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.	Glenamoy, Jan. 12th.
Nelusa, Jan. 31st.	Glenwadda, Jan. 22nd.
Xingchow, Feb. 2nd.	Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.	Hamburg-America Line and Hugo Stinnes Linie.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.	Fogland, Dec. 14th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.	Alfred, Dec. 15th.
Antiochus, Feb. 19th.	Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Medon, Feb. 23th.	Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
	Havelland, Jan. 28th.
	Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.
	Holland East Asia Line.
	Zoema, Dec. 13th.
	Usterker, Jan. 10th.
	Java-China-Japan Line.
	Tjikini, to-day.
	Tjikaroen, Dec. 5th.
	Tjikembang, Dec. 8th.
	Tjikondari, Dec. 12th.
	Tjikobas, Dec. 19th.
	Tjikalak, Dec. 19th.
	Tjikmanvek, Dec. 22nd.
	Tjikiwang, Jan. 2nd.
	Tjikaroca, Jan. 5th.
	Messageries Maritimes.
	Andre Lebon, Dec. 7th.
	Chenoucaux, Dec. 21st.
	St. Louis, Dec. 23rd.
	Angers, Jan. 4th.
	D'Astagnan, Jan. 18th.
	Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
	Koenigsberg, Dec. 11th.
	Dorffinger, Dec. 19th.
	Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
	Coblentz, Feb. 14th.

Hippon Yuen Kaisha.

Fushimi Maru, to-day.	Peninsular and Oriental.
Tamba Maru, to-morrow.	Morea, Dec. 8th.
Rakuyo Maru, Dec. 5th.	Kudderpore, Dec. 8th.
Siberia Maru, Dec. 5th.	Mantua, Dec. 8th.
Ceylon Maru, Dec. 5th.	Kalyan, Dec. 12th.
Dakar Maru, Dec. 8th.	Devanha, Dec. 23rd.
Anka Maru, Dec. 8th.	Della, Dec. 31st.
Sado Maru, Dec. 10th.	Malaca, Jan. 6th.
Tokushima Maru, Dec. 11th.	Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Haruna Maru, Dec. 11th.	Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Lyons Maru, Dec. 14th.	Macdonia, Feb. 3rd.
Osaka Maru, Dec. 14th.	Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Aki Maru, Dec. 15th.	
Kamakura Maru, Dec. 15th.	Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.M.).
Hakozaki Maru, Dec. 16th.	Van Heuts, Dec. 7th.
Akita Maru, Dec. 18th.	Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Rangoon Maru, Dec. 19th.	Canton, Jan. 5th.
Matage Maru, Dec. 20th.	
Tango Maru, Dec. 20th.	
Takaka Maru, Dec. 20th.	
Kuma Maru, Dec. 26th.	
Seiya Maru, Dec. 25th.	
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 29th.	
Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.	
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 7th.	
Ginga Maru, Jan. 13th.	
Kitama Maru, Jan. 13th.	
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 10th.	
Takano Maru, Feb. 11th.	
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Macdonia, Feb. 3rd.	
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.	

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Koba yesterday morning and left the same evening. She is due at Nagasaki to-day at 5 p.m. The B.L. and Apsara Line s.s. Talma will leave Amoy for this port on the afternoon of the 8th inst. and is due here on the afternoon of the 7th. She will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 8th inst. The m.v. Canton (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on November 22nd, and is due here on or about January 3th.

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—
President Adams, Achilles, Sui-yang, Chengchi, Japan, Tjicoroca, Tjikini, Glentara, Linan, Helios, St. Albans, Kueiyang, Vest Land, Anhui, Hanyang, Rensloer, Deli Maru, Fushimi Maru, Awa Maru, Santos Maru, Tamba Maru, West Hoihow.

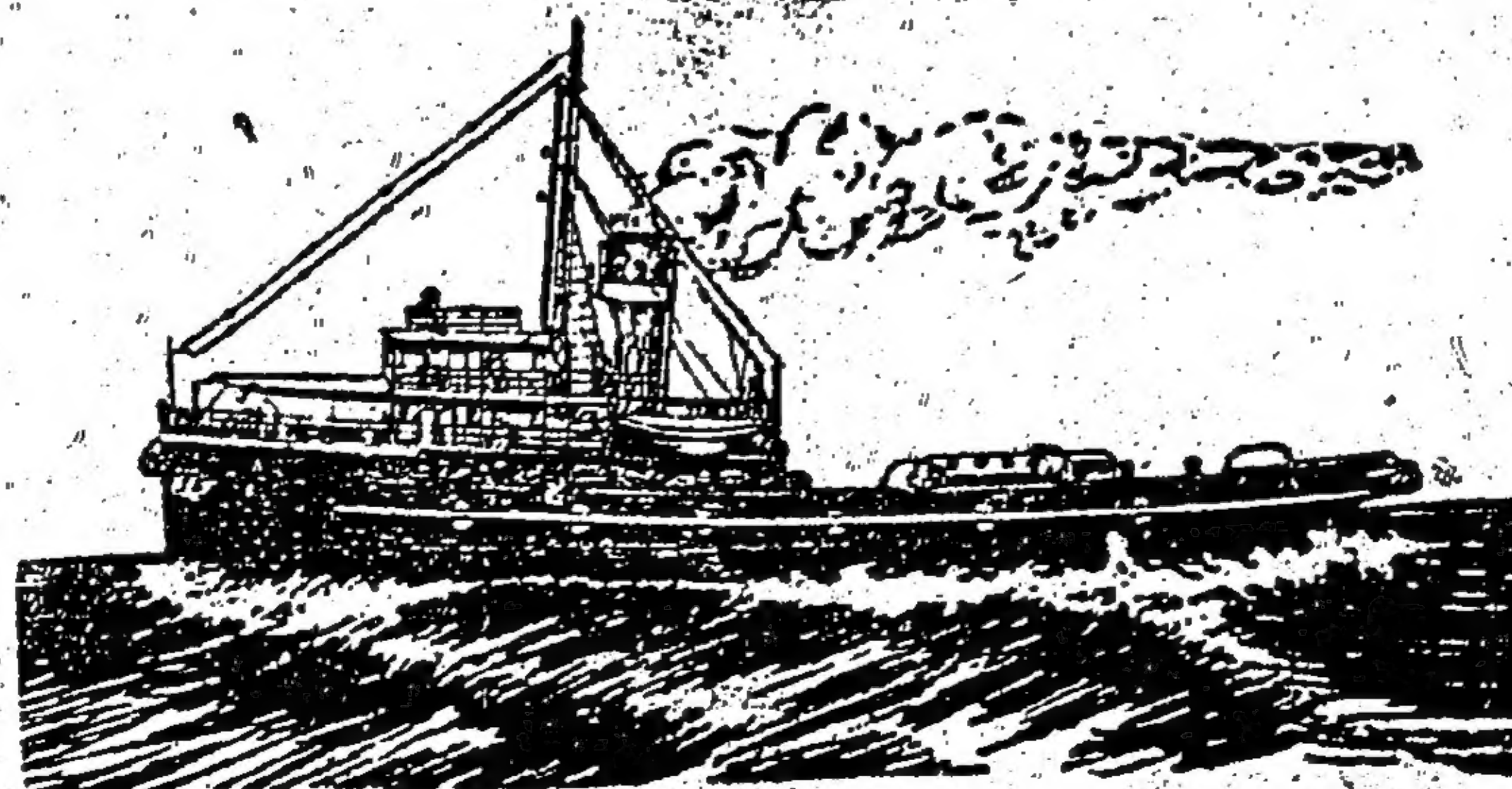
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TIENTSIN (DIRECT)	"CHEONGSHING"	Satur. 10th Dec. at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Sun. 4th Dec. at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"FOOSHING"	Satur. 3rd Dec. at 2 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG" "LAISANG"	Sun. 4th Dec. at 10 a.m. Tues. 13th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thurs. 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.

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S.S. "DERFFLINGER"	17th Jan. 1928.	14th Jan. 1928.
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 * TAIYO MARU ... Monday, 9th Jan. 1928.
 * TENYO MARU ... Tuesday, 24th Jan.

LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 3rd Dec.

HAKODAKI MARU ... Saturday, 17th Dec.

HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 31st Dec.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Jan. 1928.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SADO MARU ... Monday, 12th Dec.

* GENOA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

RAKUYO MARU ... Friday, 23rd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

* ASUKA MARU ... Saturday, 10th Dec.

* TAKAKURA MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Dec.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

* DAKAR MARU ... Friday, 8th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

* TOKUSIMA MARU ... Monday, 12th Dec.

* AKITA MARU ... Monday, 19th Dec.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Friday, 16th Dec.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 5th Dec.

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 Rent.

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 be presented to the Underwriter on or
 before 30th December, 1927, or they
 will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
 are to be left in the Godowns, where they
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 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.LOCAL AND THROUGH
CARGOES NORMAL.BRITISH VESSELS BEST
CONTRIBUTORS.

There were 21 vessels arriving
 into port during the 24 hours ended
 at 9 a.m. yesterday and freights
 brought both for the Colony and
 for ports beyond were normal.
 British steamers carried a large
 proportion of the cargoes.

There were 19,433 tons of general
 merchandise imported into the
 Colony. Of these, 6,917 tons were
 contributed by British ships. The
 two best returns were 3,552 tons by
 the American vessel *West Hutton*,
 from Portland Oregon and Manila,
 and 2,800 tons by the British
 steamer *Neuchung*, from Hai-
 phong and Hoihow.

Through cargoes amounted to
 15,322 tons, of which, 12,181 tons
 were carried in British bottoms.
 The heaviest individual return was
 shown by the s.s. *Glentara* (British)
 from Liverpool and Singapore.
 The s.s. *Moji Maru*, from Yoko-
 hama and Moji came second with
 3,292 tons.

The arrivals and departures dur-
 ing the period under review were
 the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	4
Japanese	3	3
Chinese	3	3
Norwegian	2	3
Danish	1	0
German	1	0
French	1	0
American	1	0
Swedish	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Total	21	15

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th
MERIDIAN, EAST OF
GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 3rd... 6.48 a.m.	5.39 p.m.	
4th... 6.48	5.39	
5th... 6.48	5.39	
6th... 6.48	5.39	
7th... 6.48	5.39	
8th... 6.48	5.39	
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27th... 6.48	5.39	
28th... 6.48	5.39	
29th... 6.48	5.39	
30th... 6.48	5.39	
31st... 6.48	5.39	

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO
MARINERS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A notice to mariners at the
 Harbour Office states that in refer-
 ence to the restrictions as to
 navigation, anchoring to buoys, and
 use of buoys in the vicinity of
 Belders' Ridge and Ramblers
 Shoal, which were gazetted on July
 8th and August 10th, this year,
 these notices have now been can-
 celled.

Obstruction To Navigation.

Warning is given that survey
 operations will be carried out from
 time to time in connection with the
 dredging at Kowloon Point, and
 masters of vessels are warned to
 keep clear of all sampans, motor
 boats and buoys used on this work,
 which will carry a red flag. They
 are asked to keep a good look out
 for all craft so employed.

Approaches To Hong Kong.

A local notice to mariners, issued
 on December 1st, states that the
 fog bell on Lamtoong Mi has been
 removed and will be replaced about
 the middle of February, 1928.

Two Deaths.

The master of the s.s. *Ho Sang*
 reports that during the voyage
 from Singapore to Hong Kong two
 Chinese male deck passengers died
 from beri-beri.

Marital Law At Swatow.

The following notices to mariners
 have been issued by the various au-
 thorities, relative to navigation in
 local waters: The Chinese Mari-
 time Customs under date Novem-
 ber 29th, Notice No. 3 of 1927, state
 that owing to marital law having
 been declared in this district, the
 Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth
 Route Army has notified that all
 vessels, foreign or Chinese, shall
 not be allowed to enter or leave the
 port of Swatow between the hours
 of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

From The Sea.

A Japanese oil-engined fishing
 boat, the *Kaiko Maru*, recently
 picked up a bottle in the sea off
 Langkawi, sixty miles north-west
 of Penang, containing a message
 which reads: "This bottle was
 thrown overboard by Squadron
 Leader Munday and Flight-Lieut.
 Foster in the middle of the Indian
 Ocean and we shall be glad to hear
 of anybody picking it up. We are
 on our way as far as Cathay.
 Have just finished with this bottle.
 See you at Shanghai aboard
 H.M.S. *Argus*."

For Hong Kong.

H.M.S. *Custard* (Capt. A. T. B.
 Curtis, R.N.) left Colombo on
 November 23rd and was expected to
 sail from Singapore on Decem-
 ber 1st for Hong Kong. She is
 bringing out relief for the sub-
 marines and warships on the China
 station.

Home Mails.

In addition to mail via Siberia
 by the s.s. *Fushimi Maru*, the
Tamba is due to-morrow (Sunday)
 with mail from Home and Europe
 via Negapatam, letters and papers
 being dated London, November 3rd.

Coast Guild Meeting.

All members of the Hong Kong
 Branches of the China Coast
 Officers' Guild and the Marine
 Engineers' Guild of China are
 requested to attend a combined
 special meeting of the Guilds, to be
 held at the Guilds' offices, 67,
 Des Voeux Road Central (entrance
 in Pottinger Street) to-morrow
 (Sunday) at 10.30 a.m. The busi-
 ness concerns piracy insurance.
 The meeting, of course, will be
 private, being for members only.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

Chinese deck passengers number-
 ing 1,217 were brought into the
 Colony during the 24 hours ended
 at 9 a.m. yesterday.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port
 yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Witherington*,
 South Wall Basin, *Peterel*, *Tern*,
 East Wall Basin, *S/Ms. L.7, L.8,*
L.15, L.19; North Arm, *Francis*,
Wien, *S/M. L.20*; West Wall
 Dock, *Titanis*, *S/Ms. L.2, L.3*; In
 Dock, *Nesius*, *Stormcloud*, *Sterling*,
Cleopatra, No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*, No. 2
 Buoy, *Wolverine*, No. 3 Buoy,
Bluebell, No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*, No. 5
 Buoy, *Argus*, No. 6 Buoy,
Marston, No. 7 Buoy, *Ambrose*,
L.5, L.6, L.7, L.8; No. 8 Buoy,
Seraph, No. 9 Buoy, *Seraph*,
Sirius, No. 10 Buoy, *Somme*, No. 11
 Buoy, *Bruc*, No. 12 Buoy, *Veteran*,
Belgo, No. 20 Buoy, *Veteran*, No. 25
 Buoy, *Khark*, No. 28 Buoy,
Ruthenia.

Foreign Men of War.—U.S.S.

Pampanga.HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 2nd.

	Previous On Date	On Date	At
	Day	at	1 p.m.
Barometer...	30.15	30.17	30.17
Temperature...	70	81	71
Humidity...	64	60	43
Wind...			
Direction...	Eas.	N	N
Force...	2	2	2
Weather...	B	B	B
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lowest open-air Temperature, 1st: 70			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 2nd: 60			

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle;

F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist;

O=Overcast; P=Passing showers;

Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 3rd to 9th, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	3	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		3 22	6 51	4 20	2 0
Sun.	4	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		4 56	6 51	5 11	3 4
		6 24	6 0	6 01	2 2
Mon.	5	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		6 14	6 0	6 25	3 3
		6 55	6 0	6 32	2 5
Tues.	6	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		7 22	5 58	7 26	2 6
		7 57	5 58	8 10	1 7
Wed.	7	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		8 27	5 58	8 27	1 9
		8 52	5 57	9 14	0 3
Thur.	8	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		9 31	5 57	9 34	1 2
		9 58	5 57	10 18	0 3
Fri.	9	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		10 34	5 57	10 30	0 8
		11 15	5 53	11 20	0 4

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
* MANTUA	10,948	10th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
* HIVEIZAN MARU	4,614	13th Dec.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
* KASHGAR	9,132	17th Dec.	Straits and Bombay.
* MOREA	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
* KALYAN	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
* DEVANHA	9,144	21st Jan.	Straits and Bombay.
* MALWA	9,135	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
* MACEDONIA	11,130	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* KHEIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
* KANHMIR	9,995	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MANTUA	10,948	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* KALYAN	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MUNGOLIA	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
* MOREA	9,005	28th April	do.
* KASHGAR	9,132	13th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MALWA	9,086	28th May	Marseilles and London.
* DEVANHA	8,155	4th June	do.
* MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	

